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神の教えを伝える世界的な宗教団体エルヴァ教。

神を求める祈りが世界を覆うとき、神はその姿を現すと伝えている。

だが神は人類を滅ぼそうとした存在であり、

十二神の内が一神・死を司る神・アッシュが神を離反し人々を傷ったという、

真の歴史を隠蔽し続けてきた。

エルヴァ教の真の目的は、神が去った後この地に再び神を呼び戻すことと、人類の滅亡にあるのだ。

神への反逆者…裏切り者のアッシュ・グレイヴは人類を護るために、

恨まれ、傷つき、蔑まれながらも、この世界に平和をもたらすために、

最強の傭兵・クリムゾンの称号を持つ、相棒のミリムと共に戦い続けるのであった…。

CRIMSON GRAVE

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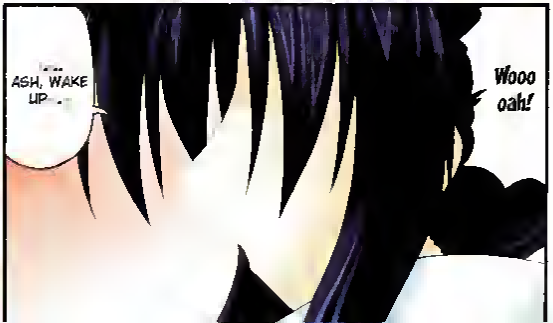
Gaaaah!
CRIMSON GRAVE

SFX: "GRRRR"

This isn't a time to be pessimistic! We've got to protect the wagon!!
I-It's no use! These monsters are too strong!!!

ZZ
ZZ
ZZ
ZZ


...ASH, WAKE UP...
Wooo oah!

Did you hear me, Ash Grave?!!
I said, "WAKE UP!!"
YAWN
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yawn
WHAT DO YOU WANT, MIRIM? ARE WE THERE YET?
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE SLEEPING AT A TIME LIKE THIS
WE'VE GOT A MONSTER PROBLEM. WE NEED TO DEAL WITH IT.
HUUU UUUU UUH?
IN THAT CASE, WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET THE SOLDIERS OUTSIDE TAKE CARE OF IT?!
SFX. "BULGE"
IF YOU THINK THEY'RE GOING TO DIE, YOU GO HELP THEM.
I'm going back to sleep.
Shoo
Shoo

OH?
SFX BELOW *THUD*
SFX ABOVE *WHAM*
skid
Ooof.
You'll help and you'll like it, you lazy ass!
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You fools! It's too dangerous, get back inside!!
GRAAAAAAAAAH!
SWORD
whistle
COME TO ME
swish
glow
GRAAAAAH

SFX ABOVE: "CRUSH"
SFX: UROOH "SLASH"

W-What the?!
She sliced that monster in two?!
I don't believe it! Who the hell is that girl?!

AND ANOTHER THING...
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT...

Huge red-bladed weapon she has?!!

A person who uses one of these swords are of the top ranks in the Ten Pillars Sword Guild and are recognized as "Crimsons" -- those who wield the swords of the Gods.

They possess inhuman powers as the strongest swordsmen in the world.

TEN PILLARS SWORD GUILD

Ten swords were created by the Gods, each glowing with a deep crimson light to protect this world.....

SFX: *SLAM*
OOF!
Like hell you will!!
SO YOU LEFT ALL OF THEM TO ME AFTER ALL
WHILE YOU JUST SAT AROUND?!
Woah! Mirim!
DID YOU KILL THEM ALL ALREADY?!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE...
W-Wait! There's something I have to say!!

R-RIGHT.... IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, YOU SEE....
OH? GO AHEAD AND TRY.
DID YOU KNOW YOUR PANTIES ARE SHOWING?

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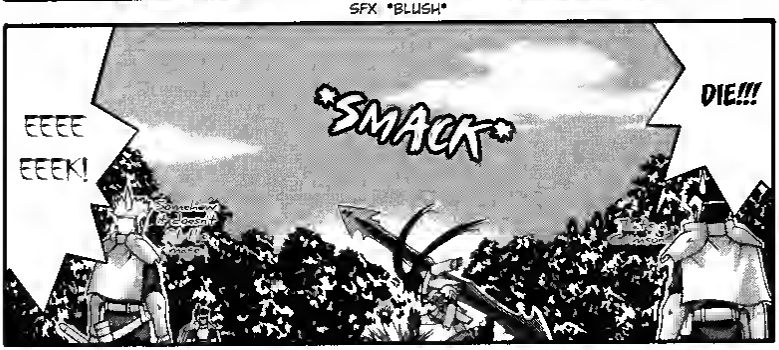
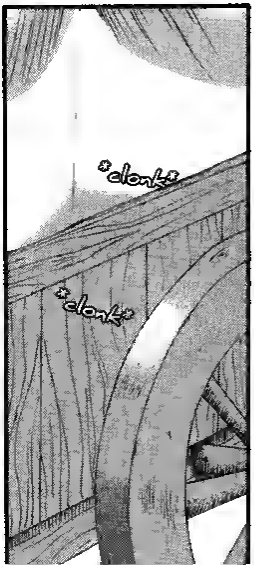
WH...
WH...

SFX: *BLUSH*


EEEE
EEEK!
SMACK
DIE!!!

ONEE-CHAN, YOU WERE REALLY COOL! YOU SLICED THOSE HUGE MONSTERS ONE AFTER ANOTHER!
Like Yuna!
HEH...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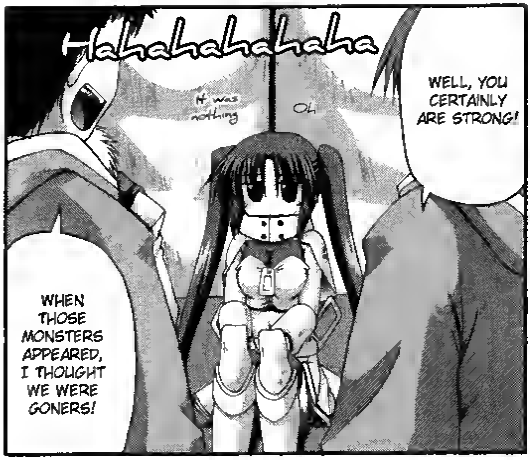
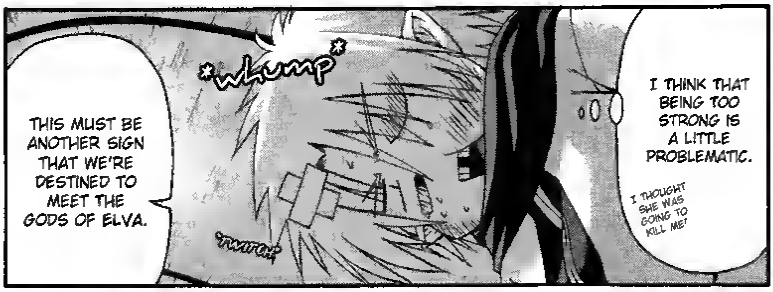
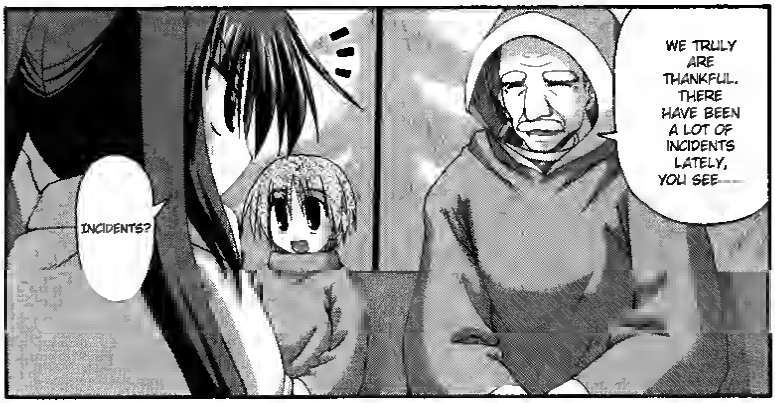
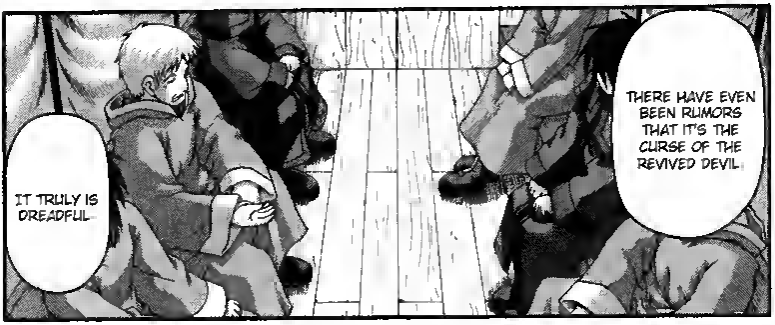

Hahahahahaha
It was nothing
Oh
WELL, YOU CERTAINLY ARE STRONG!
WHEN THOSE MONSTERS APPEARED, I THOUGHT WE WERE GONERS!

SORRY ABOUT THAT. HE GOT REALLY EXCITED WHEN HE SAW YOU FIGHT.
IT WAS...
BUT!


whump
THIS MUST BE ANOTHER SIGN THAT WE'RE DESTINED TO MEET THE GODS OF ELVA.
I THINK THAT BEING TOO STRONG IS A LITTLE PROBLEMATIC.
I THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO KILL ME!


INCIDENTS?
WE TRULY ARE THANKFUL. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF INCIDENTS LATELY, YOU SEE...

LATELY, PILGRIMS OF THE CHURCH OF ELVA, LIKE OURSELVES, HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY MONSTERS AND GONE MISSING
AND SPEAKING OF THE DISAPPEARANCES, THEY'VE BEEN HAPPENING MORE AND MORE OFTEN.
IT'S THE SAME WAY IN ROUDENT, THE CITY WE'RE GOING TOO, AS WELL, RIGHT?


THERE HAVE EVEN BEEN RUMORS THAT IT'S THE CURSE OF THE REVIVED DEVIL.
IT TRULY IS DREADFUL.

HEY MOM, WHO IS THIS 'REVIVED DEVIL'?

Ouch...
ASH...
YEAH, I FIGURED THEY'D BE HERE TOO

They called him the Black-Winged Devil,
He walks the world bringing countless deaths with his glittering powers of darkness,
Bearing wings of black and eyes of molten gold,

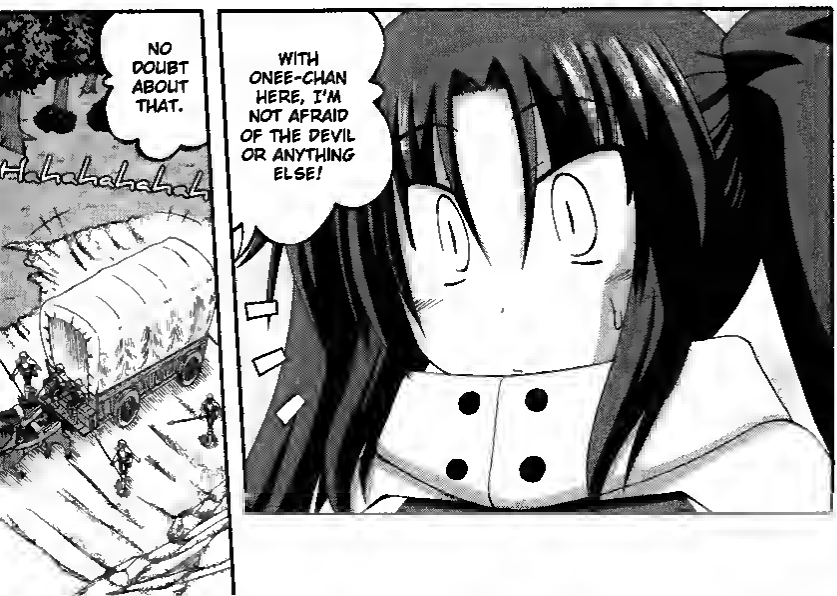
THAT WOULD BE THE DEVIL FROM THE LEGEND...

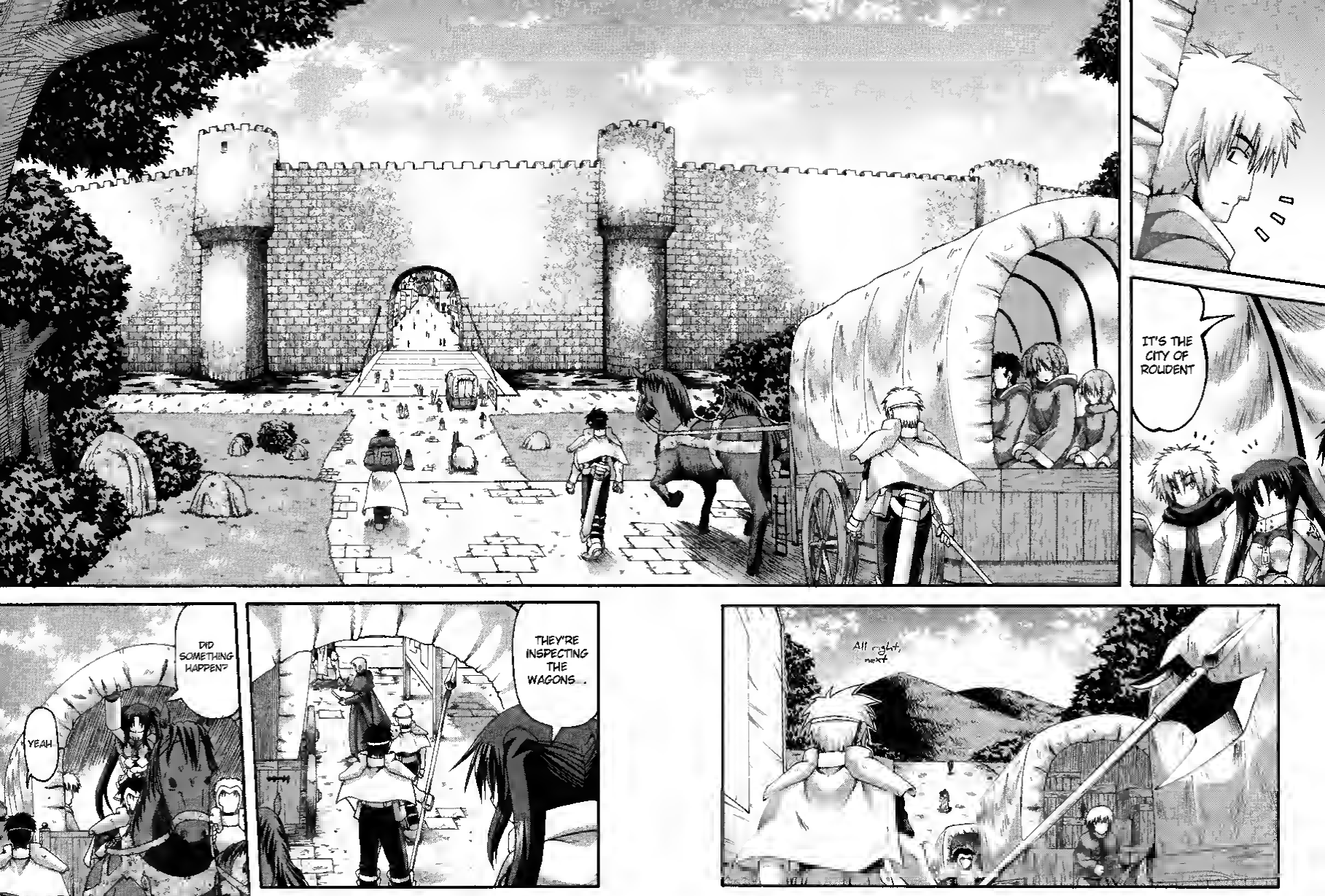
YES, THAT'S RIGHT. HE'S A DREADFUL DEVIL THAT'S TAKEN ENOUGH LIVES TO ALMOST WIPE OUT THE HUMAN RACE!

THE BLACK-WINGED DEVIL .....!

THE DEVIL HAS BEEN REBORN?
THAT'S JUST A RUMOR, KID.
IF IT WERE TRUE, THE GODS OF ELVA WOULD JUST DESTROY HIM AGAIN JUST LIKE IN THE LEGEND

THAT'S WHY WE PRAY TO THE GODS EVERY DAY-- SO WE CAN GET THEIR PROTECTION.
YEAH!
BUT


WITH ONEE-CHAN HERE, I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE DEVIL OR ANYTHING ELSE!
NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.


IT'S THE CITY OF ROUDENT
All right, next
THEY'RE INSPECTING THE WAGONS.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YEAH

gulp
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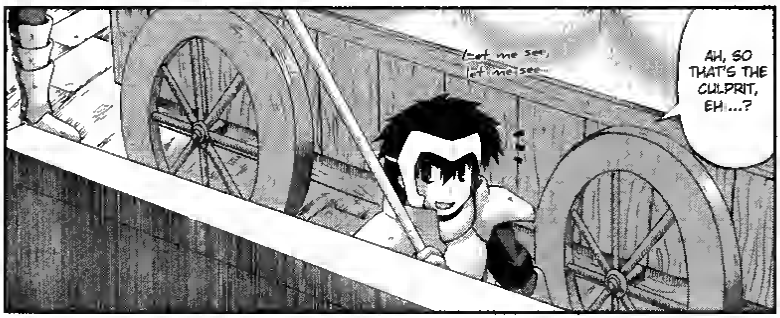
THE SUSPECT FOR THE DISAPPEARANCES THAT HAVE BEEN HAPPENING EVERYWHERE IS SAID TO BE IN THE AREA

RIGHT, GOOD WORK.
ALL RIGHT, NEXT


Let me see, let me see...
AH, SO THAT'S THE CULPRIT, EH...?

WANTED
WANTED FOR SUSPICIONS OF HAVING A GREAT ROLE IN THE MURDER OF CARDINAL SORVA AND THE DISAPPEARANCES OF PILGRIMS OF THE CHURCH OF ELVA.
ASH GRAVE
10,000,000,000 z
Al...
THAT WAS CLOSE.
He's not in the wagon!
Wh-Where is he?!

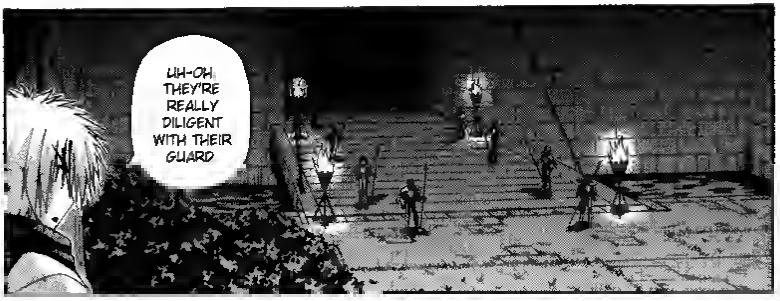
WE'RE PROBABLY NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO TAKE A DIRECT ROUTE ANYWHERE.
DAMN... WHAT A LOUSY TIME FOR THEM TO START INSPECTING WAGONS.

OH--! THANK GOODNESS YOU MADE IT SAFELY.
clonk
clonk
THEY'RE ALWAYS FINDING A WAY TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR US--.

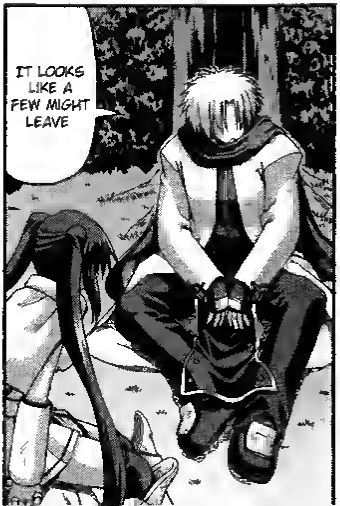
OH NO, IT'S NOTHING WORTH MENTIONING.
I'M SURE EVERYONE WILL BE THRILLED TO HEAR THAT YOU WERE WORRIED FOR THEM.

I HEARD ABOUT THE INSPECTIONS AND I WAS WORRIED, SO I WAITED HERE.
BISHOP?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?!

WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS THAT YOU ARE ALL SAFE


UH-OH, THEY'RE REALLY DILIGENT WITH THEIR GUARD

rustle
HEY, DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS?


IT LOOKS LIKE A FEW MIGHT LEAVE

THEY WERE PRETTY UNLUCKY TO GO MISSING RIGHT AFTER THEY GOT HERE
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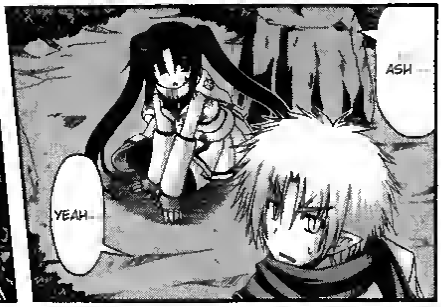
MORE PILGRIMS FROM THE CHURCH OF ELVA DISAPPEARED
YEAH, THEIR WAGON JUST DISAPPEARED ENROUTE TO THE CHURCH.

WE CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND HERE AND WAIT MUCH LONGER.


ASH...
YEAH...

MIRIM, HELP ME OUT A BIT.
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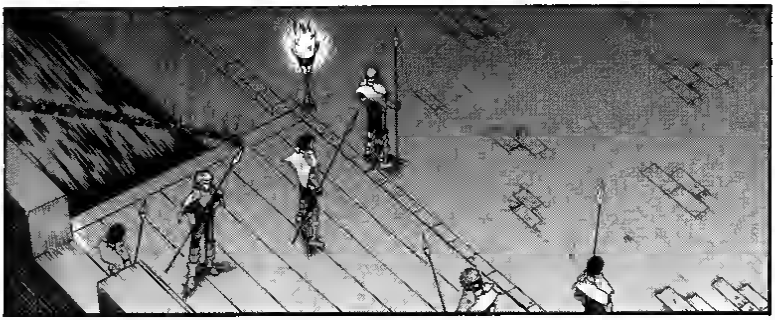
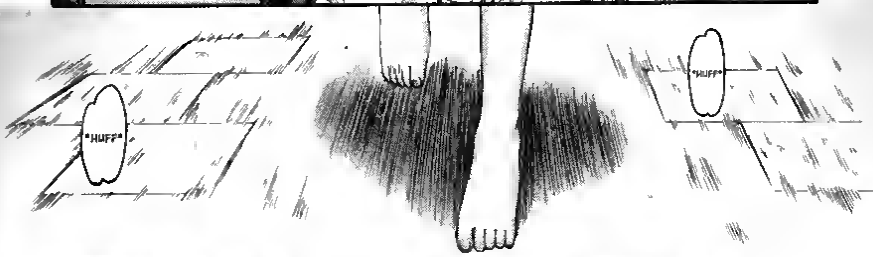
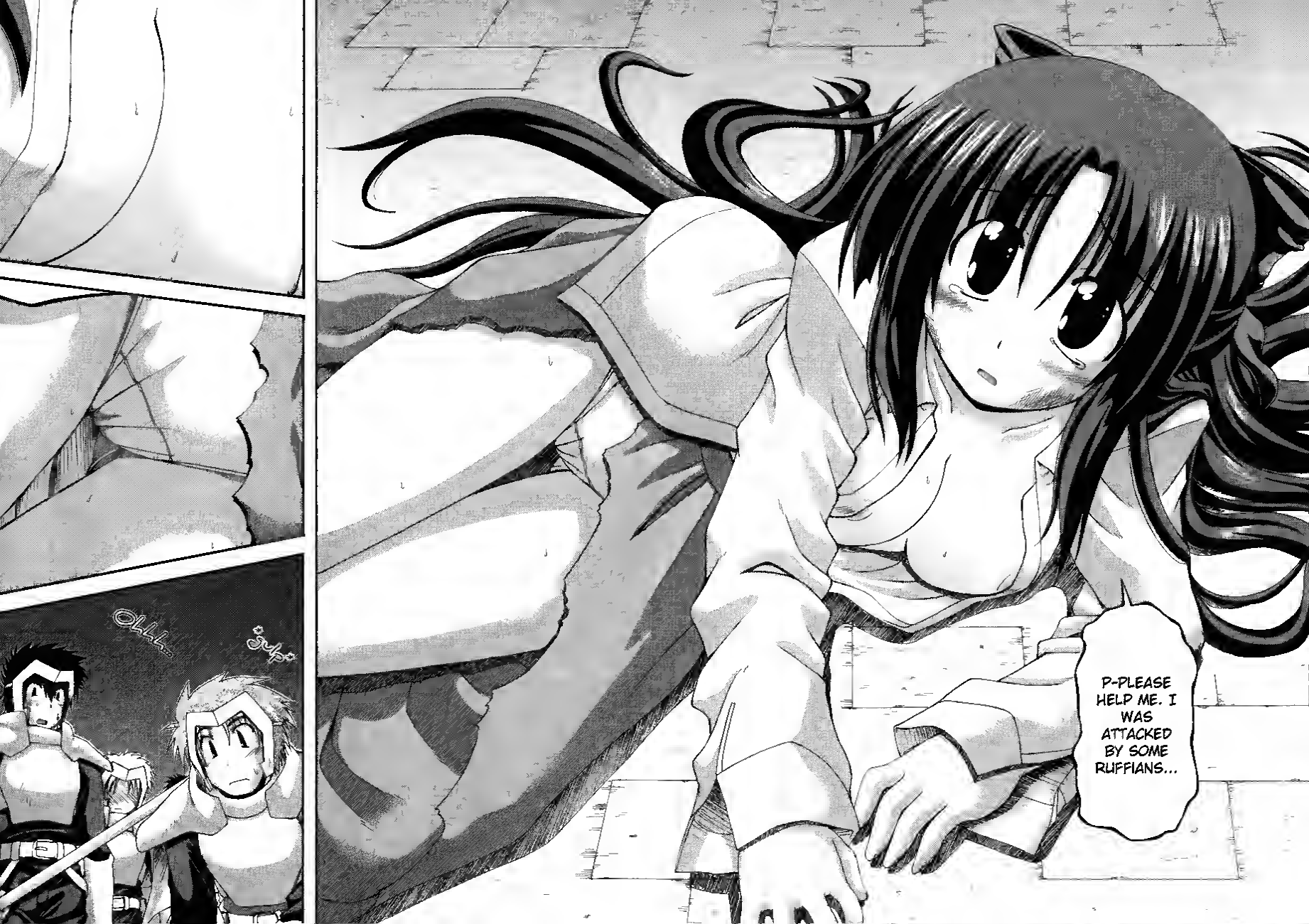


THAT ASH GUY GOT AWAY, DIDN'T HE?
HE'S NOWHERE IN THE AREA...
yawn
HMM?


HUFF
HUFF

WHAT'S THE MATTER?! WHY ARE YOU RUNNING?
AH. AH...
H-HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
EEEK!


P-PLEASE HELP ME. I WAS ATTACKED BY SOME RUFFIANS...
Ohhh...
Sigh...

rustle
rustle
AH—
OH, SORRY ABOUT THAT....
BUT THEY MUST BE SOME REALLY NEFARIOUS VILLAINS TO GO AFTER SUCH A LOVELY GIRL.
Lurch
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING. LEAVE IT TO US!

swish
clatter
clatter
All right then, I'll stay.
Is it really all right to leave our post?
All right, let's go!
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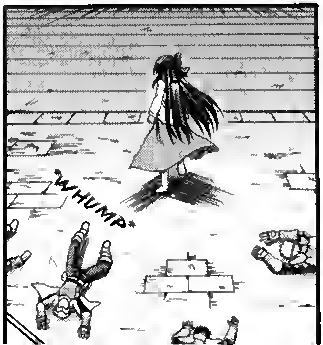
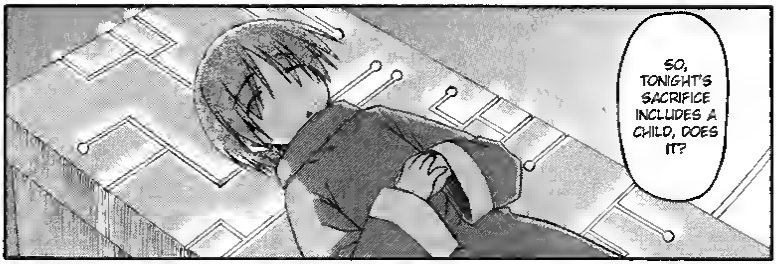

WHUMP

GLOBBER
OOOF!
GAH!
UGH!
THUD
WHAM
KONK

OH! JUST WHAT I EXPECTED FROM YOU.
ASH.....
WAS IT REALLY NECESSARY FOR ME TO WEAR THIS?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! OF COURSE IT WAS
Emphasis!
We could have just gone in by force...
IT— IS...?
WHEN DEALING WITH US MALES, A STRATEGY INVOLVING SEX APPEAL ALWAYS WORKS BEST.
Sex.... appeal?!

She didn't put up much of a fight either.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT? THOSE GUYS WERE PRETTY SMITTEN BY IT.
W-WHAT, YOU DIDN'T NOTICE?
S-Stop making me do things like this!!
!?
かぁぁぁぁ
WHA-?!
I WAS PRETTY SMITTEN BY YOUR LOOKS TOO
WHA-?!
SFX "BLUUUUUUSH"
COME ON, DON'T MAKE SUCH A FUSS WE'VE GOT TO HURRY
H-How can you think of that at a time like this?!
Hey! You just wait a minute here!!
I've still got a bone to pick with you! A lot of them!!

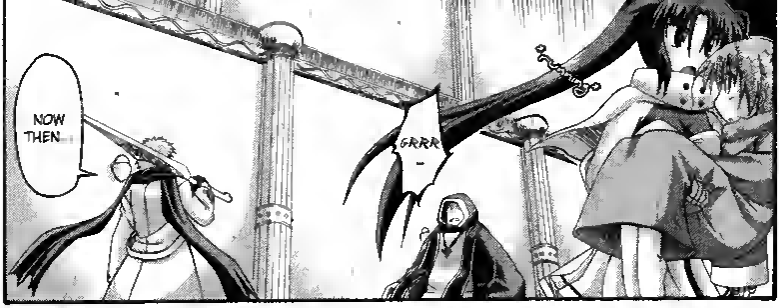

SO, TONIGHT'S SACRIFICE INCLUDES A CHILD, DOES IT?

HEH HEH HEH... WONDERFUL! THE GODS WILL BE DELIGHTED.

O, GODS OF ELVA.
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS THE PLACE.
!
ASH! LOOK OVER THERE!!
YEAH IT'S THE BOY FROM THE WAGON. LOOKS LIKE THE BISHOP PLANS TO SACRIFICE HIM
WE'RE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING TO BE BLAMED FOR A CRIME, SO YOU'D BETTER BE MOVED TO TEARS .
ANYWAY, LET'S GO SAVE HIM.
RIGHT.

OOOOH
HMM?!
grip
BISHOP, NOW, O GOD'S, ACCEPT THIS YOUNG SOUL--
SFX: *CLANG*
Gaah!!

WH-WHO ARE YOU?!
ONEE.... CHI'N?
Y-YOU'RE...
GOT IT.
AH!
MIRIM, GO HELP THE OTHERS.


NOW THEN...
GRRR

ALL RIGHT, BRO----
LOOKS LIKE WE WERE ABLE TO SLIP THROUGH YOUR LITTLE INSPECTION FACADE....

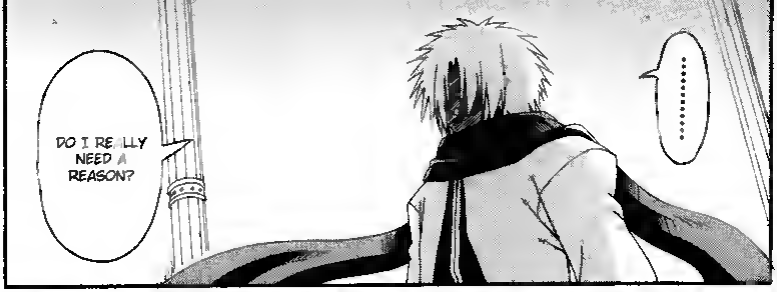
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MMM
SORRY, BUT YOUR SCHEME ENDS HERE.
MOM...

I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'LL LET ME KILL YOU WITHOUT A FIGHT, WILL YOU, MR "DESCENDANT OF THE GODS"?
SO YOU PLAN TO KILL ME LIKE YOU DID TO MY OTHER BRETHREN?
IT ANGERS ME TO THINK THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU SHARES THE SAME LINEAGE FROM THE GODS THAT I DO. IN FACT, IT FILLS ME WITH RAGE!!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SACRIFICING LOWLY, DIRTY HUMANS?!!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT HUMANS ARE IMPURE AND IMPERFECT BEINGS?!!

The life of every human in this world must be sacrificed!!
This is to cleanse the world!! To call the Gods back to this world!!
Why do you seek to interfere with it?!!
The elimination of all human was the Gods' Providence from ancient times!!
SLAYER OF HIS OWN KIN,
TELL ME, YOU WHO WERE EXILED BY THE GODS,

ASH GRAVE, THE BETRAYER!!
ENEMY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THE GODS.


DO I RE LLY NEED A REASON?
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I'LL KILL EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU,
AND I'LL DO ANYTHING IT TAKES UNTIL THE VERY LAST OF YOU IS DEAD.

SFX: *GLEAM*

WHY YOU!!!
ヒリ
キィ

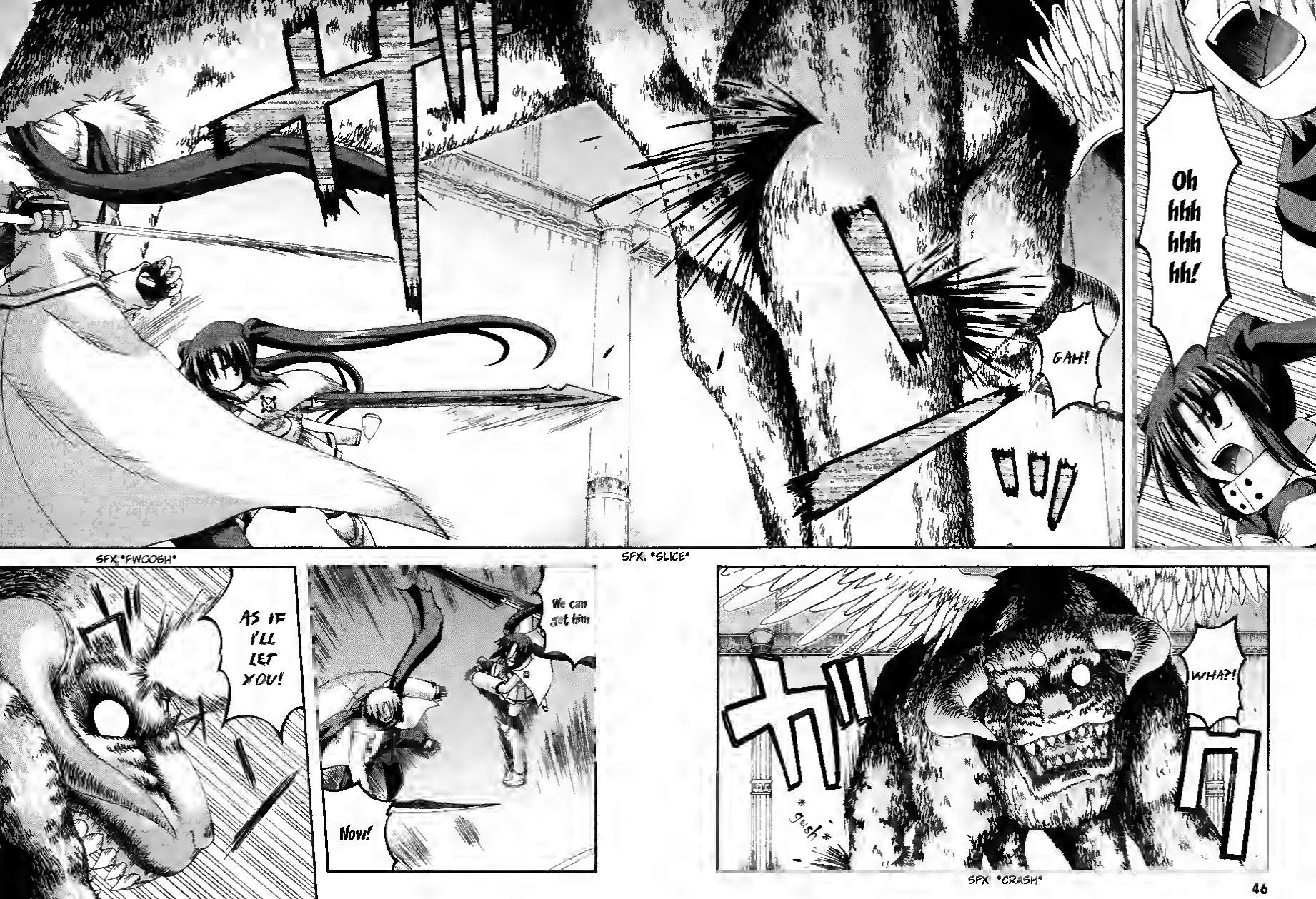
WH..
WH..

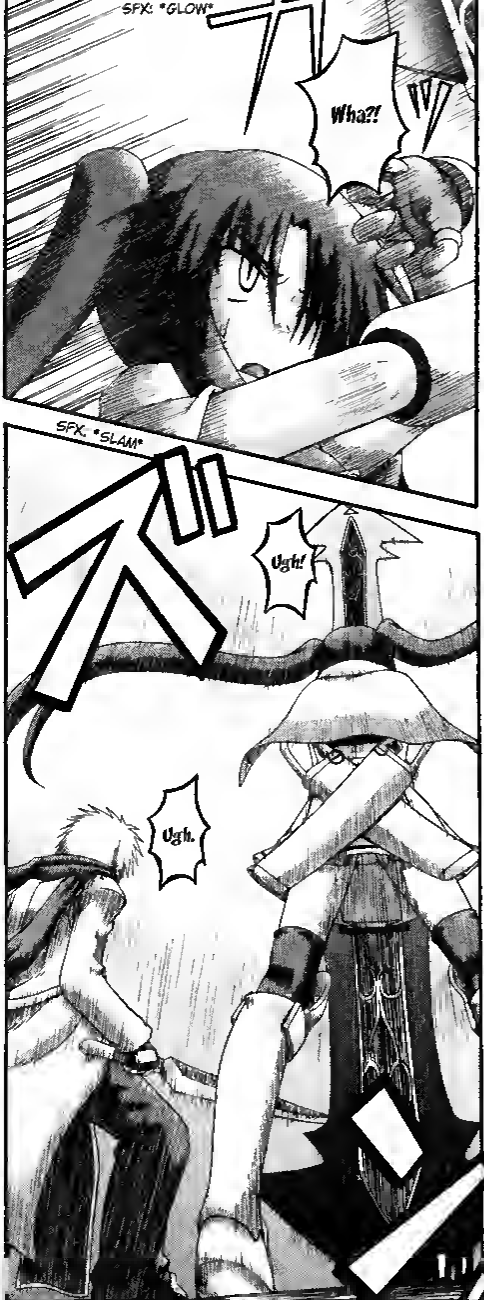
gasp
ALL RIGHT, THAT'S THE LAST ONE
UGH
SFX: *PWOOSH*
A FILTHY LITTLE FALLEN GOD LIKE YOU HAS THE POWER TO DESTROY THE DESCENDANTS OF THE GODS?!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!!
I'M NOT LIKE THE OTHERS YOU HAVE KILLED BEFORE ME!!
SFX: *GROW*
ズズズ
ズズ

SFX: *OOOOO*
オオオオオ
THE SINS YOU HAVE COMMITTED ARE FAR TOO GRAVE!!
HEH
WE WILL TRACK YOU DOWN, HUNT YOU DOWN, AND WHEN YOU'RE IN THE MIDST OF DESPAIR AND VEXATION, WE'LL KILL YOU!!

Where the hell did that monster come from?!
Grrrr
A monster?!
SFX: GRAAAAAAAAAAH
You're letting him get to you, Mirim!
gasp
EEEEK
LUCIA
t-let's get out of here!!

ASH..
SFX: *BOOM*
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP. THIS IS NO PROBLEM!
OH? ALL RIGHT THEN.
HERE HE COMES!


GAH!
Oh hhh hhh hh!
SFX. *SLICE*
SFX. *FWOOSH*
AS IF I'LL LET YOU!
We can get him
Now!
WHA?!
* gush *
SFX. *CRASH*


SFX: *GLOW*
Wha?!
SFX. *SLAM*
Ugh!
Ugh.
SFX. *GLOW*
TASTE MY DIVINE MIGHT!!
Divine Power: Eye of Binding

twitch
twitch
DAMN! THIS IS...
twitch
twitch
I-I CAN'T...
Not very fair considering how huge his body is
His divine power is a strong immobilization power!!
SFX: *WHAM*
GRAAH!

SFX: *CRASH*
BWAHAHAHAHA HAHA!! DID YOU SEE MY PUNISHMENT?!
ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS KILL YOU SLOWLY AND PAINFULLY AT MY LEISURE.
A-Ash!!
GWAH!

O-Onii-chan!!
If it ends like this, even a legendary figure like yourself could be pitied.
cough

I'll make sure you're sorry for betraying the gods!!
But that's not enough!!

Perhaps by seeing someone close to you executed before your very eyes will strike a chord with you.
Wha?!

Hehhehheh... yes, that means we can have a reenactment of what happened long ago.

twitch
First, I'll start with this girl here.
Ugh!

SFX: *THUMP THUMP*
A FLASHBACK OF THAT TIME 600 YEARS AGO WHEN WE EXECUTED THAT WITCH YOU CORRUPTED!

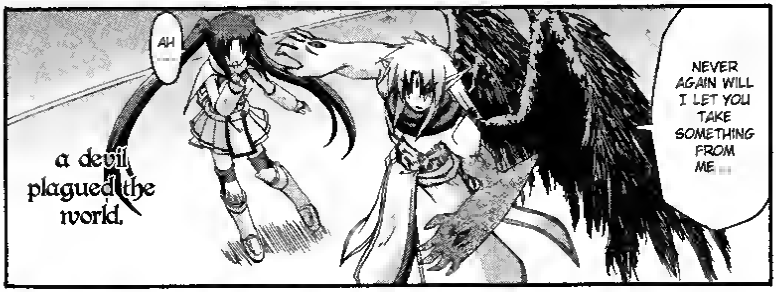
ARE YOU...
ARE YOU TRYING TO STEAL FROM ME AGAIN?!!
SFX: *LUNGE*
SEAR ITSELF INTO YOUR EYES.
NOW, LET THE IMAGE OF THIS GIRL DYING IN AGONY

SFX: *BOOM*

IMPOSSIBLE! YOU BROKE THE EFFECT OF MY DIVINE POWER?!
ASH...?

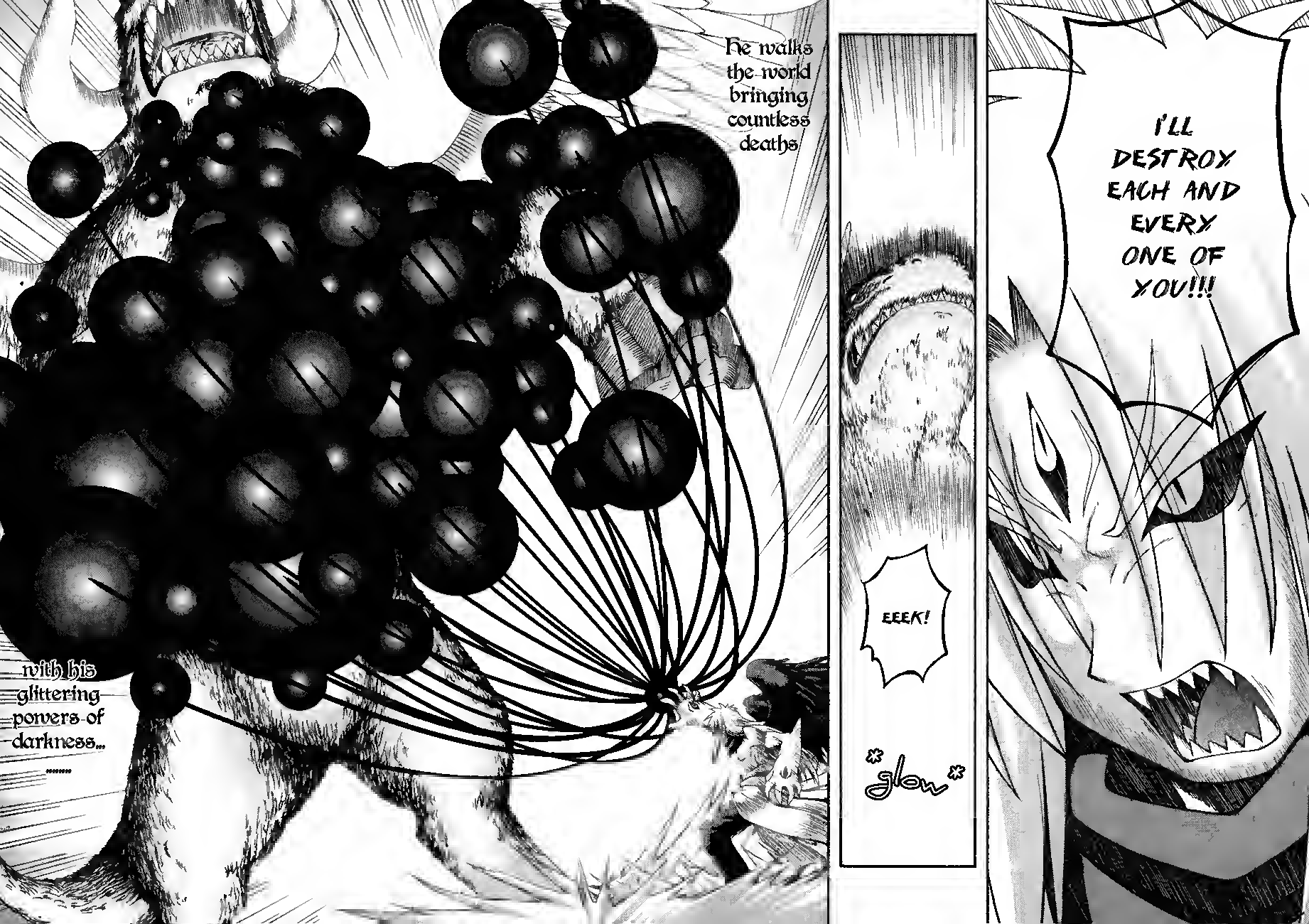
ONII CHAN?
H-HEY...
THAT FORM... IT CAN'T BE...

Long, long ago...
Grrrr
NEVER AGAIN

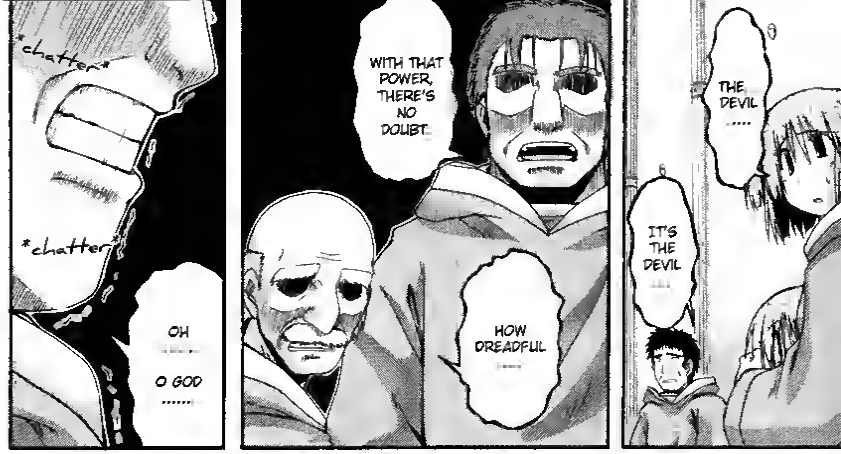

NEVER AGAIN WILL I LET YOU TAKE SOMETHING FROM ME...
AH...
a devil plagued the world.

YOU STOLE THE ONE PERSON WHO WAS MORE PRECIOUS TO ME THAN ANYTHING ELSE
THE DESPAIR I FELT BACK THEN...
THE SORROW...

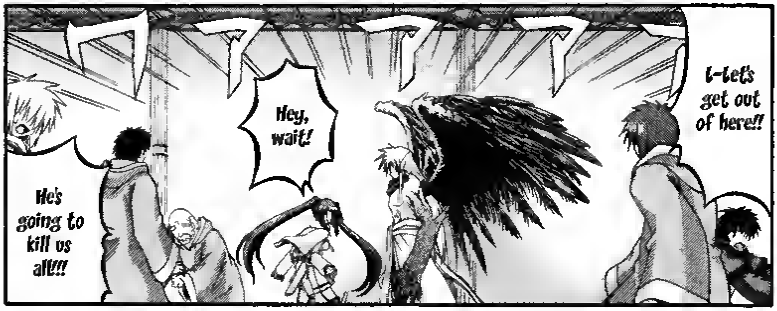
Bearing...
AND ALL THE HATRED...
THE RAGE...
SFX: *FWOOOSH*
I'll make you pay for it all!!!
wings of black...
SFX: *CRACKLE CRACKLE*
and eyes of molten gold
EVEN IF I AM HATED BY EVERYONE IN THE WORLD
EVEN IF MY BODY ROTS AWAY SOMEWHERE ...


He walks the world bringing countless deaths
with his glittering powers of darkness...
.....
I'LL DESTROY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!!!
EEEK!
glow

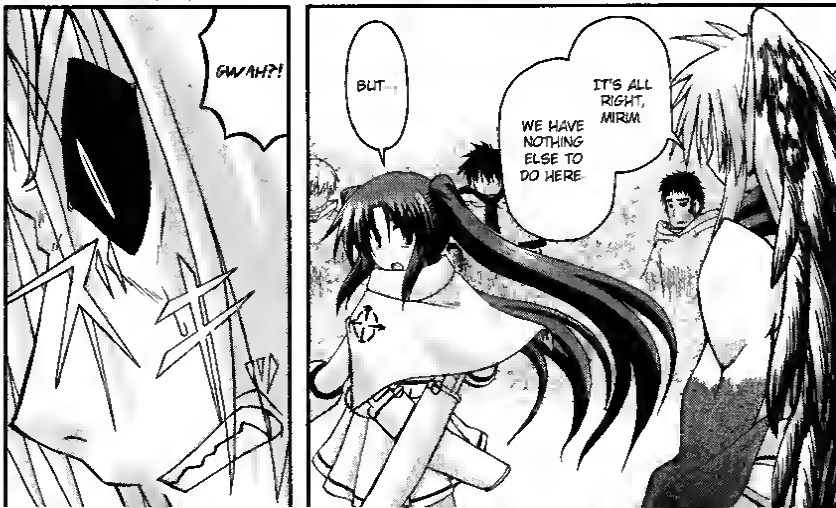
the
Black-Winged
Devil.
And people
called him...



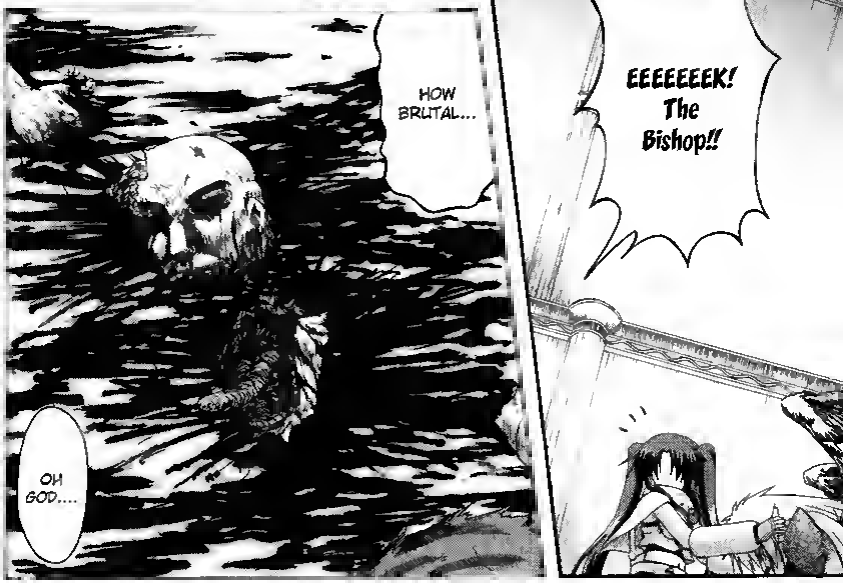
SFX: WAAAAAAH



SFX: *WINCE*



SFX: *THUMP*
THUMP*
GAH!
A-Ash?!
SFX: *CRUMPLE*
Shhhh
HEY, HANG IN THERE!
THE MARK GOT BIGGER?

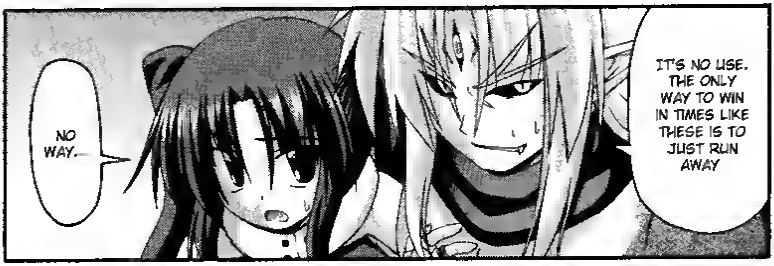

EEEEEEEK! The Bishop!!
HOW BRUTAL...
OH GOD....

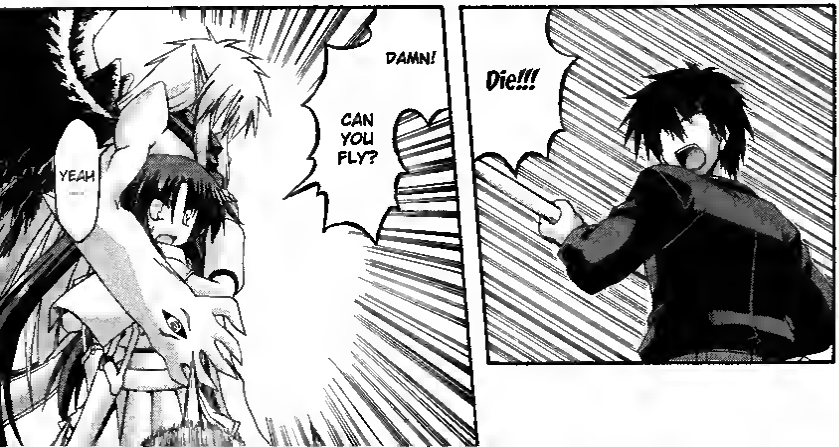
WHAT A THING TO DO TO THE BISHOP, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE WAS GOING TO PERFORM A MIRACLE....
IT WAS THE DEVIL. THE DEVIL DID IT...

KILL HIM..
HE'S WEAK RIGHT NOW.
KILL HIM...
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS ..
KILL HIM..

HE'S THE REASON ALL THESE DISASTERS ARE HAPPENING
Wait! Ash just saved all of you!!
KILL HIM!!

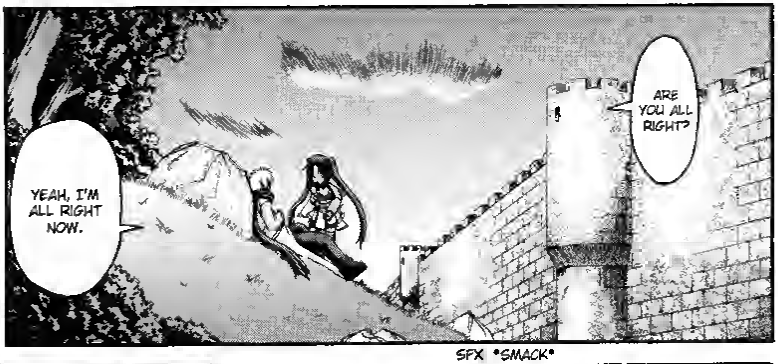
WE AREN'T GOING TO LISTEN TO THE DEVIL'S FOLLOWER!!
Kill him!!
Kill them both!!


IT'S NO USE. THE ONLY WAY TO WIN IN TIMES LIKE THESE IS TO JUST RUN AWAY
NO WAY...


Die!!!
DAMN!
CAN YOU FLY?
YEAH

Ah!
SFX: *FLAP*
AH...

W-Wait! Onnichan and Oneechan are...
Follow them and kill them!!!
They got away!!


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, I'M ALL RIGHT NOW.

SFX *SMACK*

WELL, YOU CAN'T WIN THEM ALL.
Don't get so angry

They should be grateful to you!!
What the hell was with those guys anyway?!

AFTER ALL, THERE'S A MONSTER RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR FACE.

ASH...

HMM?
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THAT?

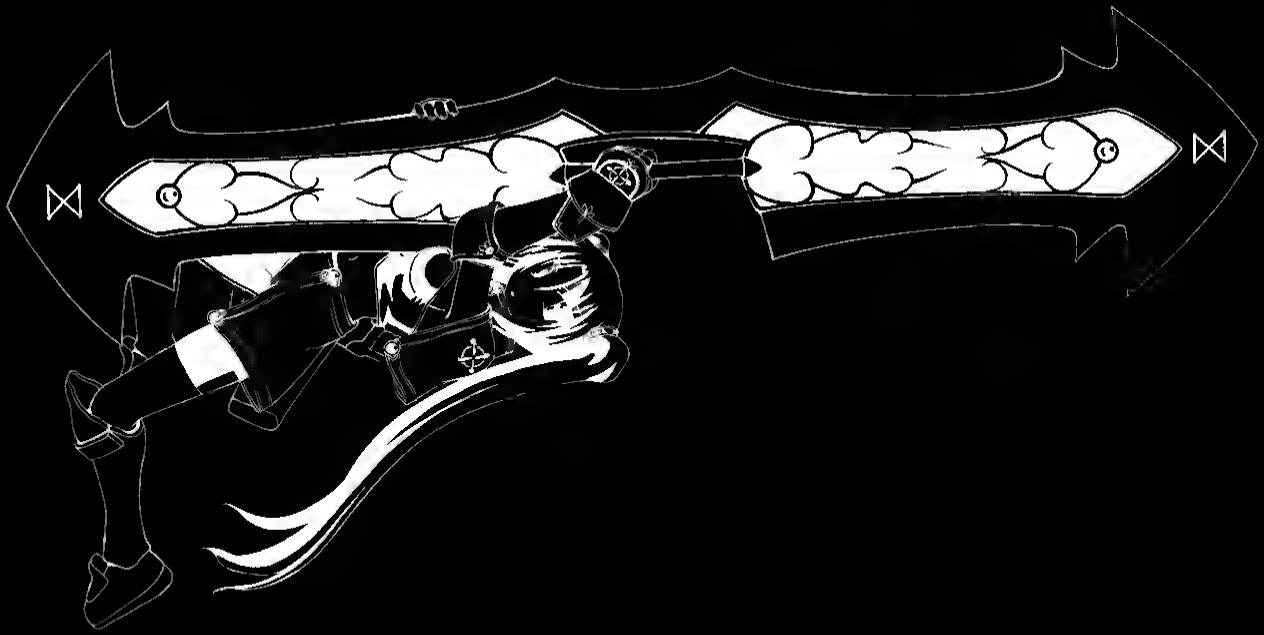
FOR THE PEOPLE YOU PROTECTED TO ALL OF A SUDDEN TRY TO HURT YOU FOR NO REASON.

ARE YOU OKAY TO LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE LIKE THAT?

I THINK...

WHEN I SEE YOU HURT LIKE THAT, I'M SO FRUSTRATED THAT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
...MIRIM
Heh.

THANK YOU.
JUST HEARING YOU SAY THAT IS ENOUGH FOR ME.
!
YOU DON'T WANT MUCH DO YOU?
WELL, THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.



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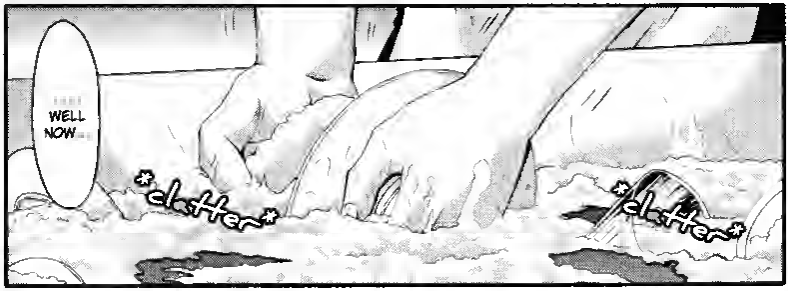
Chapter 2: Desire

But the eleven gods who created the world finally struck him down.....
every day of stability existed in the world.
The devil sought to destroy the world and left nothing but death in his wake.

The gods forged 10 swords to protect the people against evil.
As the people's faith in the gods grew,

And thus, peace dawned upon the world once more.

Welcome!


WELL NOW...
clatter
clatter

IT SURE IS PEACEFUL...
*smi-
-le*

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "PEACEFUL," ASH...?
!

BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T PAY FOR YOUR EXCESSIVE DRINKING.
I-I HAVE TO WEAR THIS GET UP.....
What?!
What?! Not enough!

TH-THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.
HEY! STOP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT!!
WELL, COME ON. IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU. IT'S EVEN CUTE!

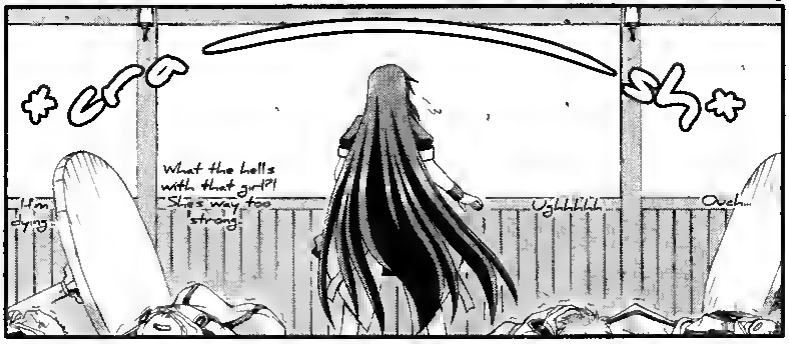
EVEN IF YOU TELL ME NOT TO....
gleam
With that skirt just short enough to tease one with a glimpse of panties
fidget
fidget
and with that cleavage of yours, which is just to die for, peaking out, who could resist?!!
Wh-Wh?!
blush

IT TRULY IS A SIGHT TO BEHO-
ZMA
CK!!
Q-Quit looking at me with your dirty eyes!!
HMPH!
Humph! You get what you deserve!
GAAAAAH!! MY EYES!! MY EYES!!
stagger
YOU BETTER STOP TEASING HER.
UGH... QUIT TRYING TO POKE MY EYES OUT, MIRIN.
AH, SURE.
MIRIM-CHAN, WILL YOU GO TAKE SOME ORDERS?
I'LL LET IT SLIDE THIS ONCE, SINCE YOU FINALLY GOT HER WEAR IT AND SHE LOOKS SO CUTE.
OH, MA'AM.

ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!
I DON'T THINK THAT'LL GO OVER TOO WELL
THANKS TO YOU, WE'VE GOT MORE CUSTOMERS THAN USUAL, WHICH IS A BIG HELP
WITH HER HERE, I DON'T HAVE TO WORK AT ALL...
HA HAHA
CRASH
Eek!
?
THAT'S TOO BAD~~~
HEY.. STOP..
crash
I-I REFUSE!
WHAT'S THIS?

STOP...
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? SINCE WHEN WERE THE ESCORTS OF THE CHURCH OF ELVA SUCH HOODLUMS?
HEY NOW WE'RE SPECIAL CUSTOMERS, SO HOW 'BOUT A LITTLE SERVICE?
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE PRETTY IF I DON'T STOP THIS
D-Don't!! Don't mess with them!!
HUH? WELL, BUT PRETTY SOON....
bulge
W.... W.... W.....
bulge

S-SHE'S...
"BULGE"
BAM
SMACK
THUD
WILL YOU GET YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF ME?!!!
どかあん
GAAAAAAAAAH!!!
SFX: SMACK


What the hells with that girl?! She's way too strong.
I'm dying.
Ughhhhh
Ouch...

Dumbfounded
M...M... MIRIM-CHAN SURE IS STRONG...
I GUESS IT'S A LITTLE TOO LATE TO SAY THAT MIRIM'S GOING TO GO BERSERK, HUH—?

GOOD GRIEF... IS THAT THE KIND OF ATTITUDE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SAVING EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE?!!
I'LL BEAT [illegible] MANNERS INTO YOUR ROTTEN SKULLS!!
COME ON, MIRIM...
SFX: *BULGE*
WHAT'S WRONG WITH LETTING THEM HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF SERVICE LIKE THAT?
SFX: *JUMP*
A SMALL AMOUNT YOU SAY?!!
WOAH?!
SFX: *BULGE*
SFX: *GLARE*
TH-THOSE...
TH-THOSE

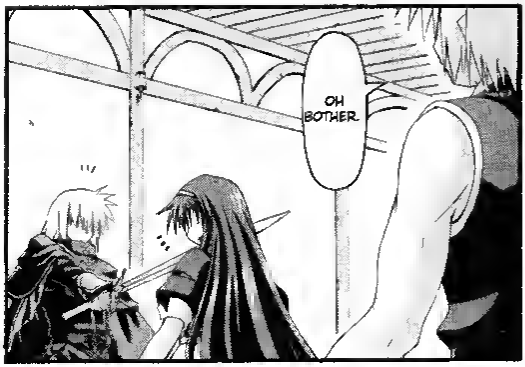
EEEEEEEEEK!
C-CALM DOWN ALREADY.
I-I'm going to make them pay!!
shake
shake
HA HA HA. THAT WAS A RATHER INTERESTING DISPLAY, GIRLIE.....
TO HAVE THE NERVE TO GO UP AGAINST ME...
YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE ARE YOU?

DON'T MIRIM-CHAN! IF YOU DON'T DO WHAT HE SAYS, HE'LL KILL YOU!
YOU'RE WITH THESE IDIOTS TOO?
O-OBAA SAN?
YOU'D BETTER HURRY AND APOLOGIZE. THIS GUY IS NOT SOMEONE YOU WANT TO GET ANGRY!
THIS GUY HERE
LISTEN TO ME WELL
HE'S A WALKING LEGEND CAPABLE OF CUTTING DOWN A MOUNTAIN..
IS *THAT* CRIMSON.

Wha?!
THAT'S RIGHT.. THE TEN SWORDS GUILD'S TOP RANK..
A SYMBOL OF AWE AND FEAR, WIELDER OF THE MOST POWERFUL CRIMSON BLADED SWORD...
THAT'S ME...

Don't give me this crap!! There's no way that you——
SFX: *LUNGE*
T-THIS GIRL IS BAD NEWS, CRIMSON-SAN.
YOU SAW HOW SHE BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF US.
HEH

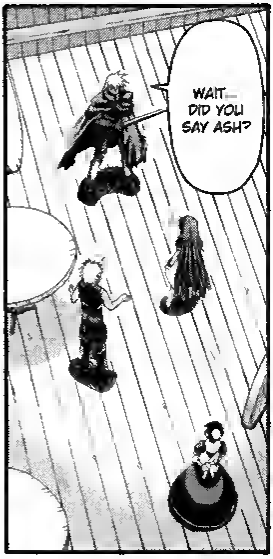
SFX: *THUMP*
H-HE'S FAST....
SFX: *SLICE*
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS RED SWORD MEANS, DON'T YOU?
YOU MAY HAVE SKILL, BUT I WOULDN'T MOVE IF I WERE YOU.


OH BOTHER.

.....

ASH, WHAT ARE YOU...
WITH SOMEONE SCARY LIKE HIM IN THE GUARD, I DON'T THINK WE'LL MAKE IT TO THE CHURCH, MIRIM.

I SEE.... NOW I REMEMBER WHERE I'VE SEEN YOUR FACE....


WAIT... DID YOU SAY ASH?

YOU MUST BE ASH GRAVE.
I SEE NOW. BEING ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL OF GREAT SKILL SUPPORTS THAT.

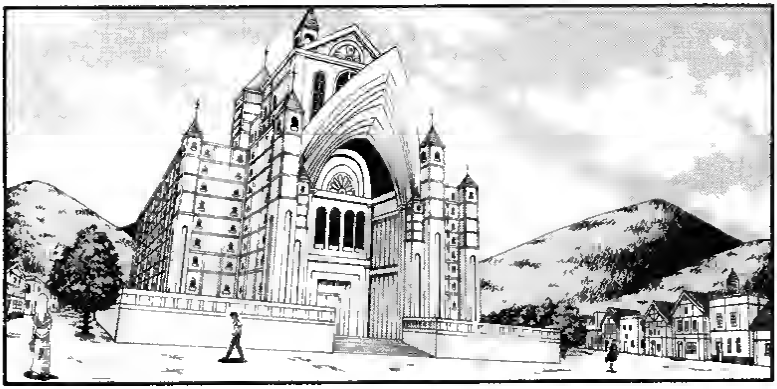
HEH. WELL, I NEVER. I GUESS A FAMOUS PERSON LIKE ME IS BOUND TO BE KNOWN JUST ABOUT EVERYWHERE
YOU IDIOT! WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT BEING FAMOUS AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!!

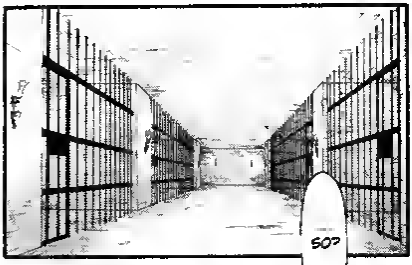
THE BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD HAS RISEN TO QUITE A TIDY SUM.

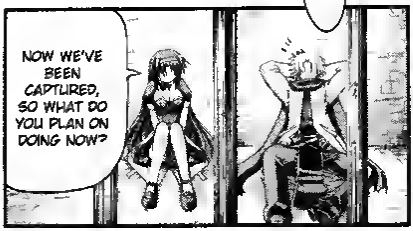
SFX. *MURMUR*
HEH HEH HEH HEH..... WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT I'D FIND THE MURDERER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THE CARDINAL....
Murderer?!
What?!

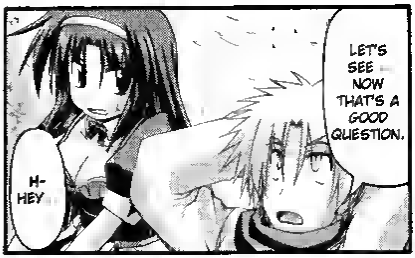
SFX. *SWISH*
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? WE WERE COMING TO SEE YOU ANYWAY.
Ash?!
IDIOT! IF WE START SOMETHING HERE, WE'RE ONLY GOING TO CAUSE TROUBLE
whisper
whisper
.....
.....
RESIST OR COME QUIETLY...
WHICH-EVER YOU WISH.

UGH...
THEN I GUESS EVERY-THING'S SETTLED...
LET'S GO
UH...
SORRY, MA'AM, WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH OUR DUTY AFTER WE'RE DONE, OK?
Y-YOU TWO...




SO?


NOW WE'VE BEEN CAPTURED, SO WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING NOW?

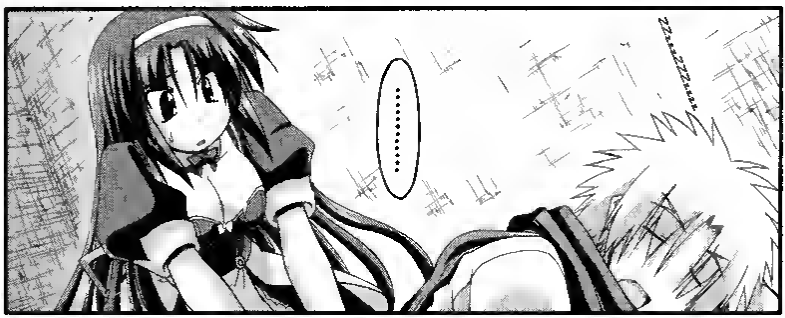

LET'S SEE... NOW THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.
H-HEY

ASH... YOU DIDN'T COME HERE WITHOUT A PLAN, DID YOU?
WHO EVER SAID THAT I HAD ONE?
W-WHY YOU
slump
I JUST WANTED TO GET IN HERE TO SEE IF THE BISHOP WAS ONE OF THEM OR NOT.
THEM...
YOU MEAN THE DESCENDANTS OF THE GODS, ENEMY TO ALL PEOPLE?
BUT YOU SEE.. THIS PLACE DOESN'T REEK OF DIVINE POWER .. SO HE'S PROBABLY NOT.
DOES THAT CRIMSON GUY BOTHER YOU?
.....

..... OF COURSE HE DOES. THAT BASTARD...
squeeze
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT... DON'T THINK ABOUT DOING ANYTHING STUPID, OK?
.....
YOU DIDN'T GET ANY MERCY WHEN YOU DECIDED TO GO UP AGAINST THEM, DID YOU?
HEY NOW. I'M ASKING YOU HERE. IF YOU DO, YOU'RE GOING TO FACE SOME HEFTY PUNISHMENT FOR IT.

.....
FUTURE POSSI-BILITIES?
...SHE... PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN UP EVEN WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE NOW...
sigh
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE COMPLETELY LOYAL TO THE GODS..
THE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES AREN'T THERE ANYMORE....
"gasp"
SHE?

WAKE ME UP IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.
H-HEY...
AH, HEY, ASH!
ANYWAY, WHY DON'T WE JUST TAKE IT EASY TILL OUR CAPTORS SHOW UP?
I-IT'S NOTHING. FORGET IT.
roll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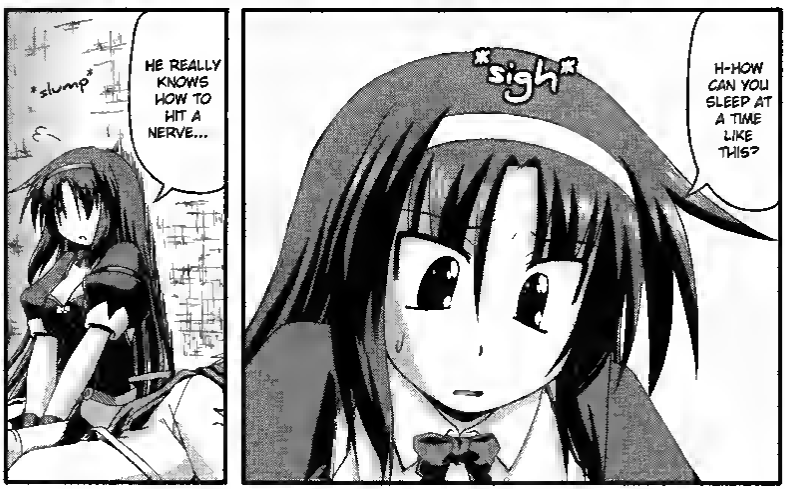
ZZzzzzzzzz...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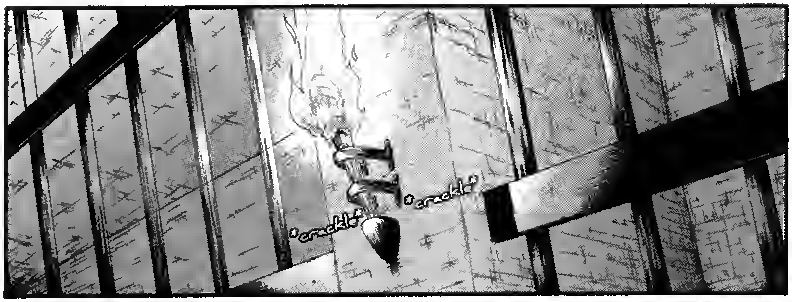
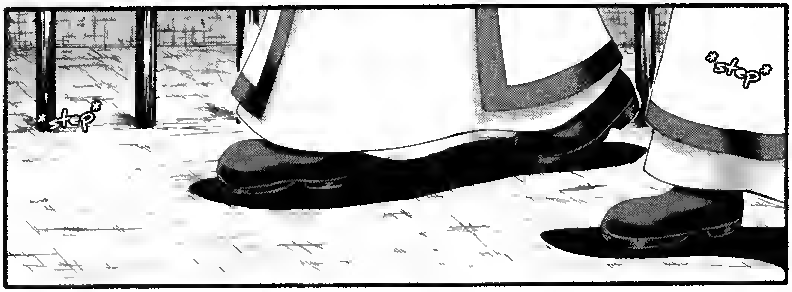
HE REALLY KNOWS HOW TO HIT A NERVE...
sigh
H-HOW CAN YOU SLEEP AT A TIME LIKE THIS?


crackle
crackle


clop
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DON'T TRY TO DO ANYTHING DANGEROUS, OK?

HEY, A--

SOMEONE'S COMING

creak
HEY, GIRLIE. THE BISHOP IS CALLING FOR YOU.

clank
clank
.....

"no."
.....
GET OUT.

step
step
step
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO.

clank
clank
clank

"Hug"
"Hug"
ASH....
I-IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR WOUNDS HAVE GOTTEN A LOT BETTER.

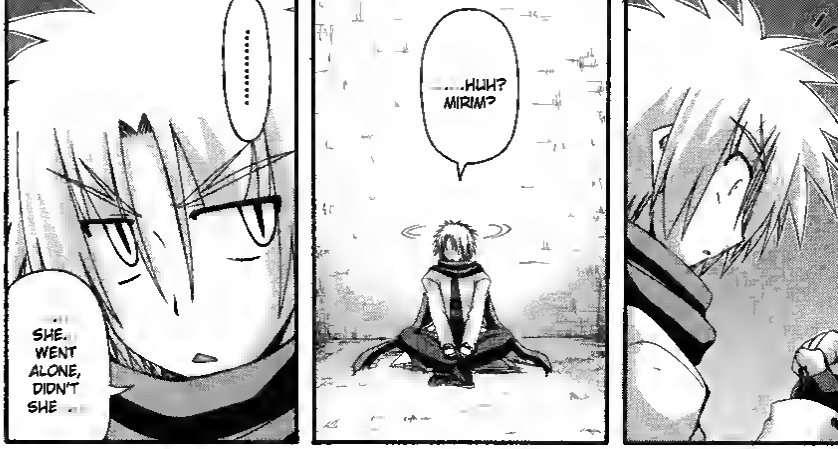
MIA.. YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF ME? YOU DON'T HATE ME?
I AM THE ENEMY OF ALL HUMANS..... THE ENEMY THAT LIKELY KILLED YOUR PARENTS. YOU KNOW?
AND YET, NOT ONLY ARE YOU NOT TRYING TO KILL ME... BUT YOU'RE HELPING ME.... WHY?
tv3
.....
T... TO BE HONEST.... I'M STILL .... SCARED..... JUST A LITTLE....
BUT... PEOPLE WHO HURT OTHER PEOPLE....
SCARE ME.... MORE....

MY FATHER TOLD ME.... THAT A PERSON'S LIFE HAS UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES. ..
NO MATTER HOW EVIL THEY ARE NOW, THEY CAN REDEEM THEMSELVES
SO I FEEL THAT KILLING SOMEONE IS STEALING THAT POSSIBILITY WHICH, TO ME IS A FAR MORE DREADFUL THING.....
THE CHILD OF AN EVIL PERSON WILL NOT NECESSARILY BECOME EVIL THEMSELVES
A-AND I BELIEVE THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A GOD, THE [redacted] PRINCIPLE APPLIES. ...
WHAT?

BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE JUST SITTING HERE TALKING TO ME NOT TRYING TO KILL ME AT ALL...
AND BECAUSE YOU'RE A GOD YOUR LIFE HAS A WHOLE LOT MORE POSSIBILITIES THAT COME WITH IT...
SOMEDAY, I THINK WE ALL MIGHT FIND A WAY TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER...
THAT'S WHY... THIS IS THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR YOU.
BACK THEN.....

ALTHOUGH I COULDN'T CONVEY YOUR FEELINGS TO THE GODS.... THEY LIVE ON WITHIN ME....
AND THE FEELINGS THAT SHE HELD IN THOSE HANDS CHANGED ME.....
HER SMALL, TREMBLING HANDS SAVED ME.....

MIA.... I WONDER IF SOMEDAY I'LL BE ABLE TO MEET YOU AGAIN....
IF I KEEP ALL THE POSSIBILITIES THAT I CAN OPEN, THEN SOMEDAY, MAYBE I WILL....
hmmm.
.....
rub
rub
clench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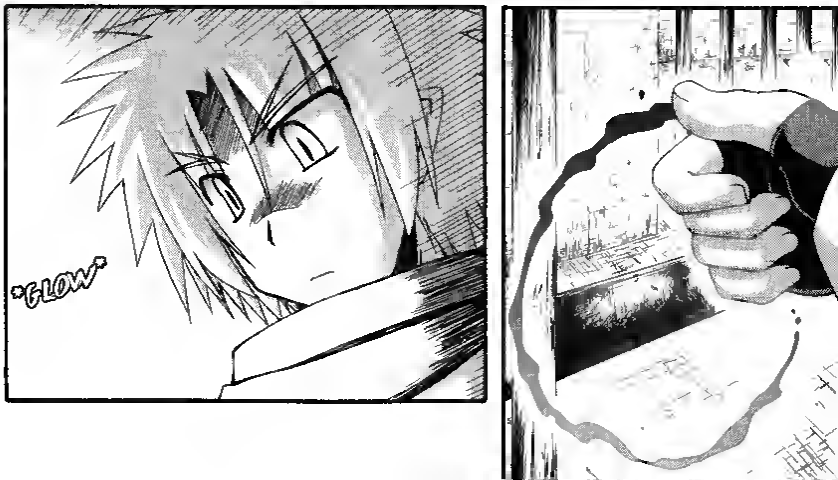
SHE.. WENT ALONE, DIDN'T SHE ...
.....HUH? MIRIM?

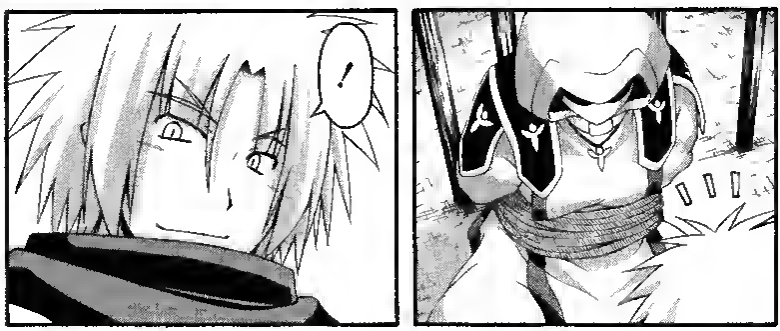
GEEZ... AND I TOLD HER TO WAKE ME UP...
sit
GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE....


BLOW

SFX: KABOOM
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
cough *cough*
AN EXPLO-SION?!
WH-WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?!
SFX. *SWISH*

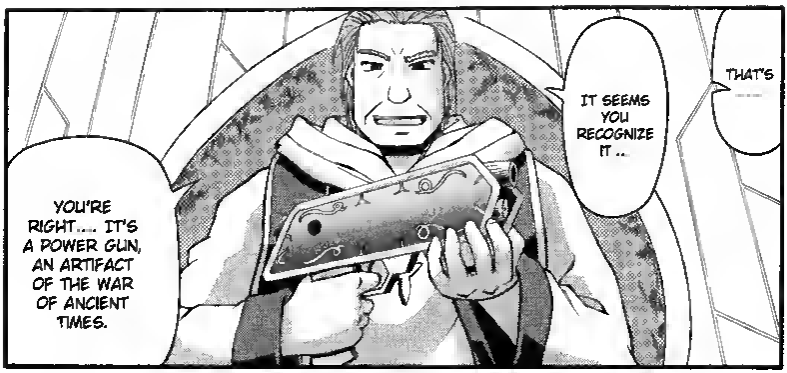
SFX: *WHUMP*
SORRY GUYS, BUT TAKE A NAP FOR A BIT.
SFX: SMACK

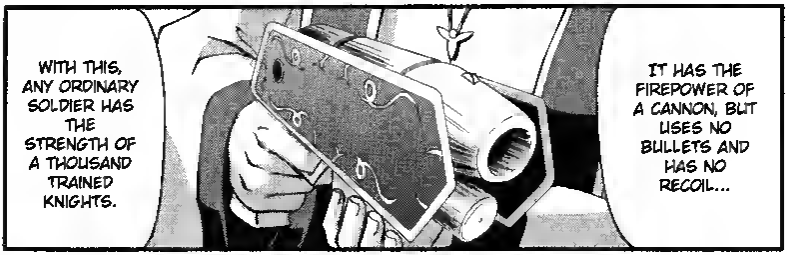
SFX: WHAM
WHERE DID THAT LITTLE DUMMY RUN OFF TO...?
clap
I can't like this...
If I'm gonna look for him,
clap
NOW THEN...


!

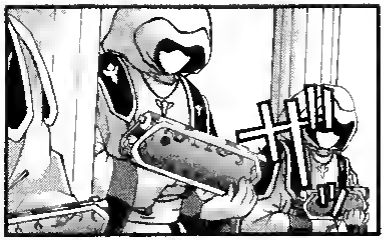
...I SEE.
SO YOU'RE THE COMPANION THAT EVERYONE'S MAKING SUCH A FUSS ABOUT.
AND I HEAR THAT YOU'RE RATHER SKILLED AS WELL.

HOW ABOUT IT? WHY DON'T YOU USE THAT POWER FOR ME?
IF YOU DO, I WILL PARDON YOU OF YOUR DEATH SENTENCE FOR TRAVELING WITH THAT MURDERER.
IF YOU COME BEFORE ME AND ACCEPT, I WILL SPARE YOUR LIFE. HOW ABOUT IT?
HEH..... I FIND IT INTERESTING THAT YOU CAN KEEP YOUR TONGUE SHARP IN THIS SITUATION
IF THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT... FORGET IT.
LOOK...
!

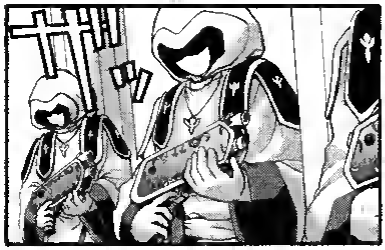

THAT'S ...
IT SEEMS YOU RECOGNIZE IT ..
YOU'RE RIGHT.... IT'S A POWER GUN, AN ARTIFACT OF THE WAR OF ANCIENT TIMES.


IT HAS THE FIREPOWER OF A CANNON, BUT USES NO BULLETS AND HAS NO RECOIL...
WITH THIS, ANY ORDINARY SOLDIER HAS THE STRENGTH OF A THOUSAND TRAINED KNIGHTS.

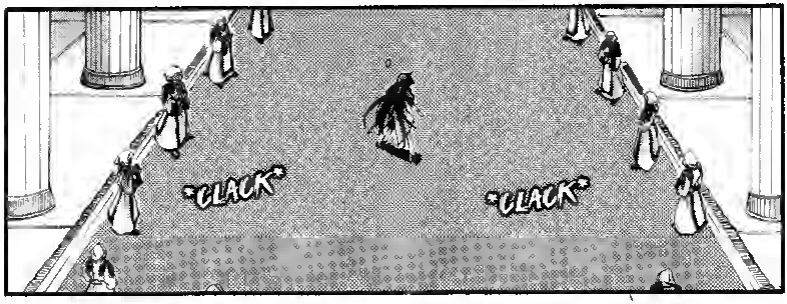
HOWEVER, THE NUMBER IN EXISTENCE IS RATHER SMALL...
YOU CAN EASILY COUNT THE NUMBER THAT EXISTS IN THE WORLD TODAY.
BUT...



SFX: *CLACK*



WAVE
IF YOU HAVE THE MONEY AND THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE CHURCH,
YOU CAN MAKE THESE WITH LITTLE EFFORT.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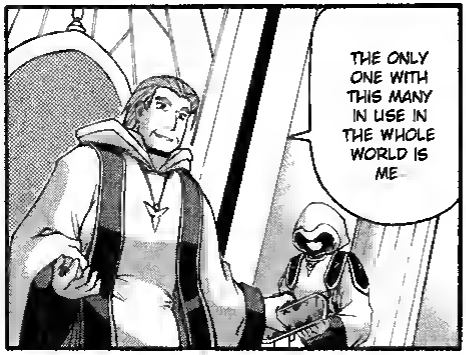
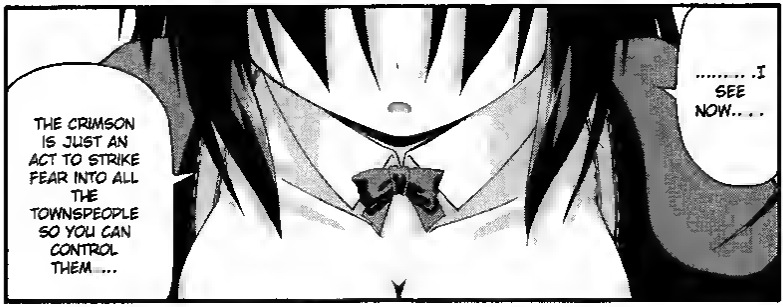

THE ONLY ONE WITH THIS MANY IN USE IN THE WHOLE WORLD IS ME.

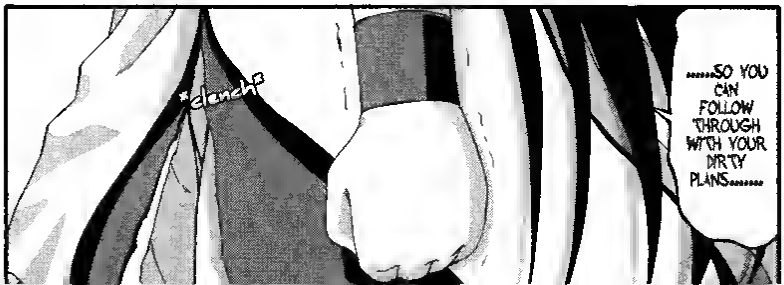
WHA...
..?!
HEH HEH HEH...

I CAN OBTAIN POWER SO GREAT THAT NO ONE WOULD DARE TO OPPOSE ME!!
AND ON TOP OF THAT, WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE AND MY MONEY,
AND IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
FOR ME TO HAVE THE ENTIRE WORLD IN THE PALM OF MY HAND.
FOR SOON, THIS WHOLE WORLD WILL BE UNDER MY RULE
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, GIRL? IT WOULD BE IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO SERVE ME,

THIS IS A DEAL I'M ONLY OFFERING TO YOU,
SINCE YOU POSSESS SUCH BEAUTY.

I'LL ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME. WILL YOU FIGHT UNDER ME
AND BECOME ONE OF MY ELITES...?


THE CRIMSON IS JUST AN ACT TO STRIKE FEAR INTO ALL THE TOWNSPEOPLE SO YOU CAN CONTROL THEM....
.....I SEE NOW....


clench
.....SO YOU CAN FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR DIRTY PLANS.....

swish
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S NO USE
HOW UNFORTU-NATE...
.....
CLACK
.....
CLACK
ALL OF YOU DROP YOUR GUNS
Bshop?!
Bshop?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU BASTARD?!
CLACK
ALL RIGHT F---
WHOOPS .. YOU MIGHT WANT TO HOLD THAT THOUGHT..
HOW DARE YOU POINT A GUN AT ME!..
!

SORRY POPS, BUT I'M NOT ONE OF YOUR LACKIES.
Y-YOU'RE... ASH GRAVE?! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!
WHAT? DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD KEEP ME LOCKED AWAY IN THAT JAIL?
UGH...
WELL ANYWAY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR PLANS END HERE
UGH....
YOU ALL RIGHT, MIRIM?
Y. YEAH...

UGH!
"jump"
OH, YOU THERE
DON'T GET ANY STRANGE IDEAS, OK?
NOW, JUST QUIETLY DO AS I SAY
"creep"
C-CUT IT OUT!!
"squeak"
DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO POPS HERE?
!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND SHOOT HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND PUT YOUR GUNS...
Y-YOU?!
"stop"
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU ALL SO FLUSTERED WHEN ALL HE'S DONE IS TAKE A HOSTAGE?

Y-You idiot!! My life is on the line here, what are you thinking?!
HEY NOW DON'T YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON?
W-WHAT?!
SO WHAT?
RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE OF NO WORTH TO US.
YOU WERE ONLY WORTH SOMETHING UNTIL YOU FOUND OUT HOW TO PRODUCE THE GUNS
Y-You bastard, are you betraying me?!

YOU'VE FINISHED ALL YOU NEEDED TO DO, THAT'S ALL.
"shake"
"shake"
HMPH.. I HAD BEEN CONSIDERING THE IDEA, BUT NOW SEEMED LIKE A PRETTY GOOD TIME, DON'T YOU THINK?
UGH...

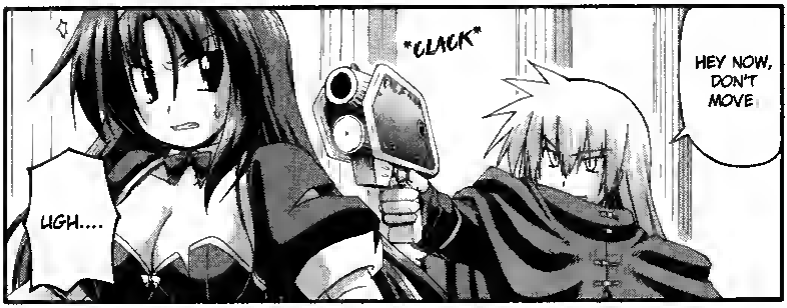
I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR HOSTAGE HAS NO VALUE TO ME.

AND THIS INCIDENT HERE IS INTERFERING WITH OUR PLANS...

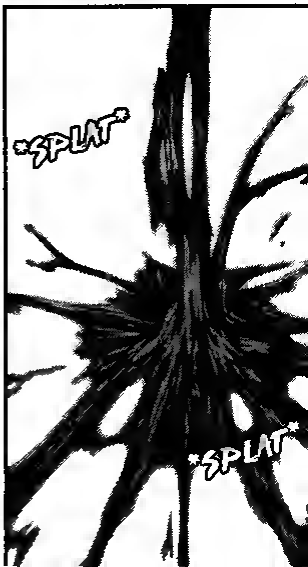
AH!
THAT'S RIGHT... WHY DON'T I START WITH KILLING HIM?
AFTER THAT, WE WON'T BE SO AT A LOSS OF WHAT TO DO.
CLACK
EEK!?
DIE.....
SFX: *PUSH*
DAMN, OUT OF THE WAY, POPS!!

SFX BAM

Ash!!!


CLACK
HEY NOW, DON'T MOVE
UGH....

HACK
COUGH
GUSH
WH... WHY DID YOU PROTECT ME?


SPLAT
SPLAT

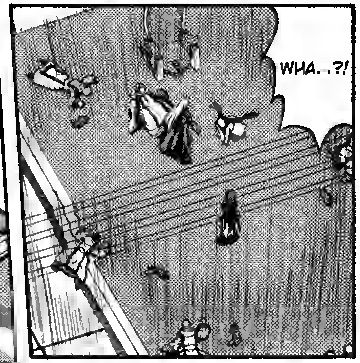
HEH... UNFORTUNATELY... I JUST CAN'T.... LOOK LIGHTLY ON HUMAN LIFE....
I.... I JUST COULDN'T STAND AND WATCH....
step
.....
HEH... WELL THIS SORT OF BROKE UP THE RHYTHM.
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT FROM SOMEONE WHO KILLED A CARDINAL.
UGH— IS THAT SO?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU CARE ABOUT THE WEAK?
AFTER WE KILLED EVERYONE IN TOWN WHO OPPOSED US IN A PUBLIC DISPLAY, IT'S BECOME A LOT EASIER TO CONTROL, YOU KNOW?
YOU BASTARDS KILLED THE TOWNS-FOLK
"gr-r"
S-SO I SEE.....
SO THAT'S WHY THE INN OWNER WAS SO FRIGHTENED OF YOU..
YOU BAS-TARD...
SO YOU JUST KILL OFF THE WEAK SO YOU CAN BE SPECIAL?
HUH?!

Hahahahaha! Did you finally just get it?
Of course!!
I told you, didn't I? I don't give a damn about the lives of weak scum.
SFX: *TENSION*
I'm strong, and therefore I can't let myself care.
No one will walk over me or speak ill of me.

SFX: *SLAM*

CLATTER
WHAT IS THIS?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
MY BODY... IS SO HEAVY...
I... CAN'T MOVE...
CLATTER

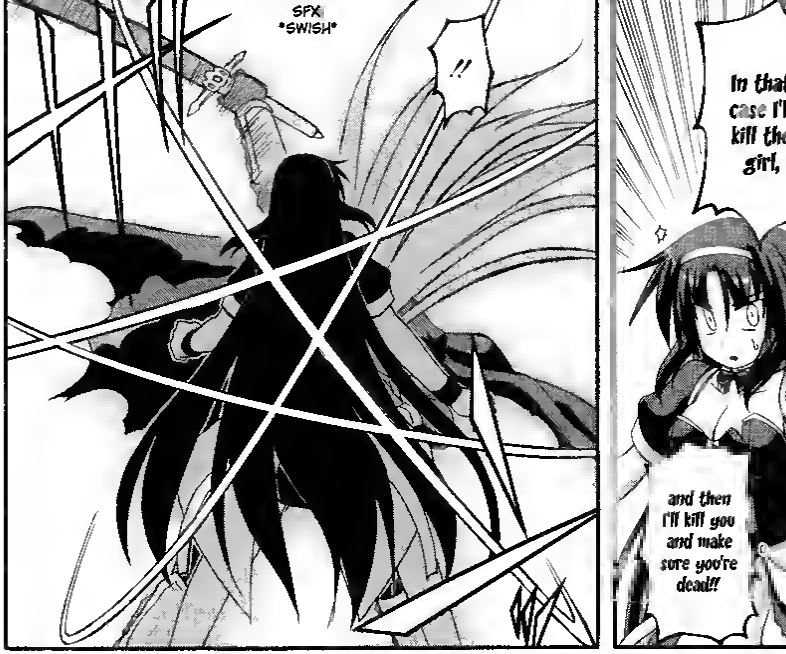

WHA..?!

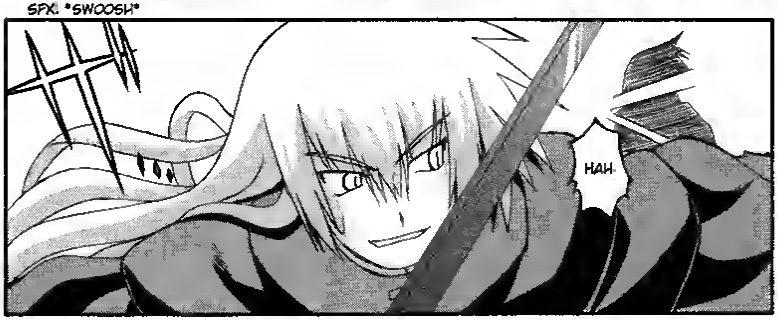
!?
"gasp"
IF YOU BECAME A WEAKLING, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD CHANGE THAT WAY OF THINKING?
"click"
DAMN!
HE'S NOT DEAD YET?!
SFX. "WHIRL"
I'VE STOLEN ALL THE MANA IN THIS AREA.
JAMMED? NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
ASH
WHAT THE?! IT'S JAMMED AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!
!?
"click"
"click"

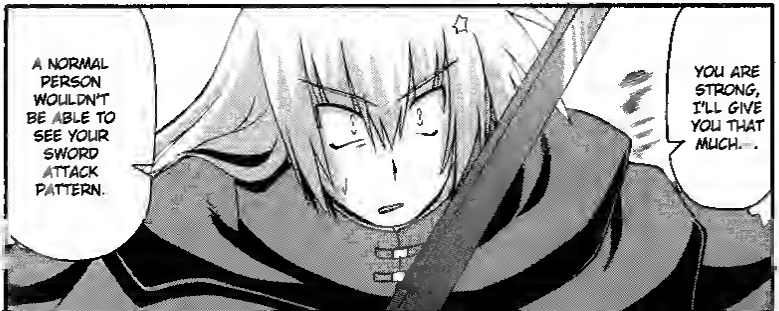
PEOPLE HAVE LOST THE POWER TO MANIPULATE MANA YEARS AGO.....
AND THAT MEANS YOU CAN'T USE YOUR POWER GUN SINCE IT MAKES BULLETS FROM THAT MANA.
!?
Shhhhhhhhhh
WHA?!
W-Wait! What the hell's going on?!
"LATTE."
How could a wound like that heal already?!

I HAVEN'T HEARD OF A POWER LIKE THAT EVEN IN THE LEGENDS!!
SFX: *THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP*
Is keeping around you from moving your doing
What the hell are
You monster!!

I'LL DEAL WITH THE OTHER GUYS.
MIRIM, HE'S YOUR PREY, RIGHT?
SHOW HIM HOW IT FEELS LIKE TO BE A WEAKLING.
... RIGHT... GOT IT.
WH-WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING?
"CLATTER"
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU HAVE YOUR HANDS FULL WITH EVERYONE ELSE!
HAHA HA...
.... HA...


SFX: *SWISH*
!!
In that case I'll kill the girl,
and then I'll kill you and make sure you're dead!!

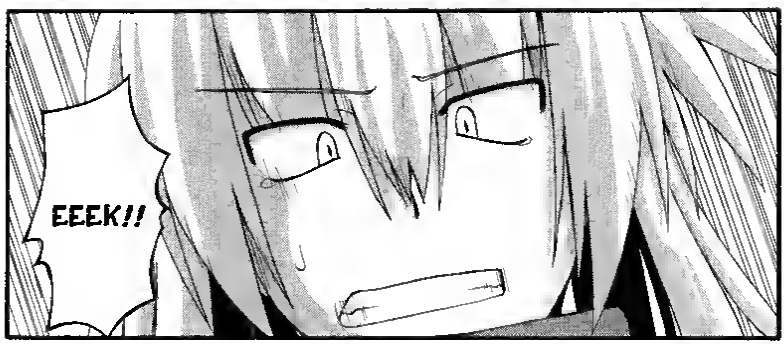

SFX: *SWOOSH*
HAH.


YOU ARE STRONG, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT MUCH.
A NORMAL PERSON WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR SWORD ATTACK PATTERN.

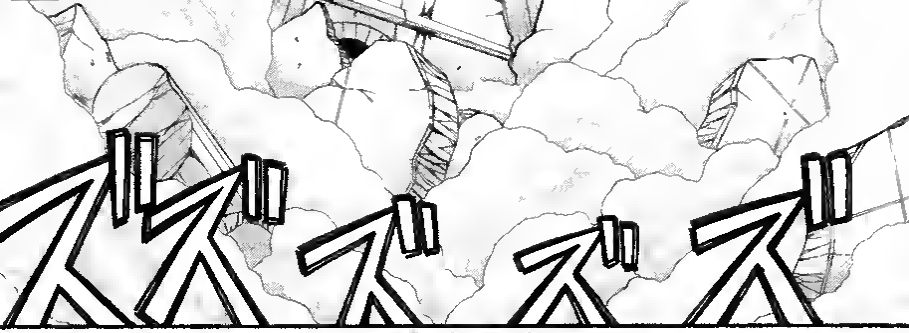
HOW-EVER...
SFX: *SHATTER*
THAT'S JUST TALKING ON A HUMAN LEVEL.
SFX: *STEP*
WHY IS MY SWORD SHATTERED?!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

"glow"
COULDN'T EVEN CONNECT WITH HER?!
THAT I...
LET ME SHOW YOU...
thump
D-DON'T TELL ME.....
"thump"
IS SHE A MONSTER?!
I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT.....
JUST WHAT YOU WERE PRETENDING TO BE TRULY
SFX: *TENSION*
"thump"
"thump"
IT CAN'T BE.....
IT CAN'T BE.....
W-WAIT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!

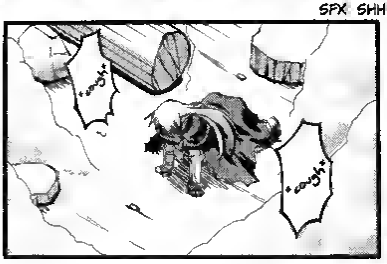
SFX: *SWOOSH*
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT A CRIMSON REALLY IS!!
A CRIMSON BLADED SWORD?!

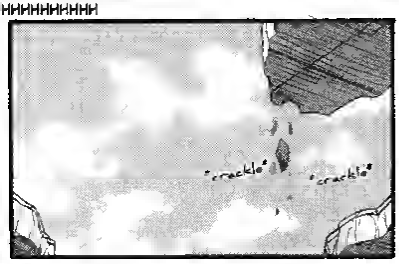

EEEK!!

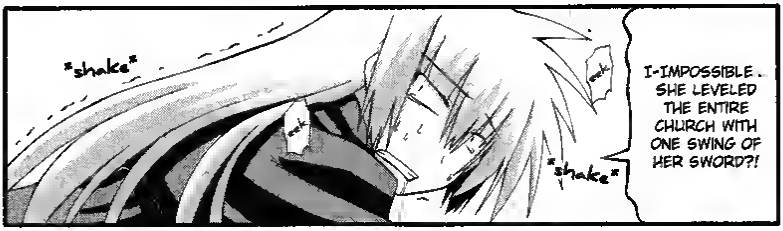
SFX: *RUMBLE*
SFX: *RUMBLE RUMBLE*
Gaaa ah!
SFX: CRUMBLE
SFX: SLAM



SFX: SHHHHHHHHHHH







THAT'S A CRIMSON?!

jump
EEK!
step
step
YOU'VE SOILED THE NAME OF THE CRIMSONS, SWORN TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE.....
step
HOW DOES IT FEEL, BEING A WEAKLING?
GULP
EE K..
YOU DESECRATED NOT ONLY THE CRIMSONS THEMSELVES, BUT THE ENTIRE TEN PILLARS SWORD'S GUILD....
GULP
GULP
AH.... AHHH....

EEK?!
THAT CRIME...
FLUTTER
AND, YOU'VE DISGRACED EACH AND EVERY PERSON WHO TAKES UP A SWORD TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE'S LIVES.....
"GRIP"
WILL BE PAID FOR WITH THIS VERY BLADE...
EEEEE EEK!!!

EEEK!
SFX: *CLANG*
.....
ALL I WANTED YOU TO DO WAS MAKE HIM FEEL WEAK...
ASH....
GEEZ YOU WENT OVERBOARD, DUMMY

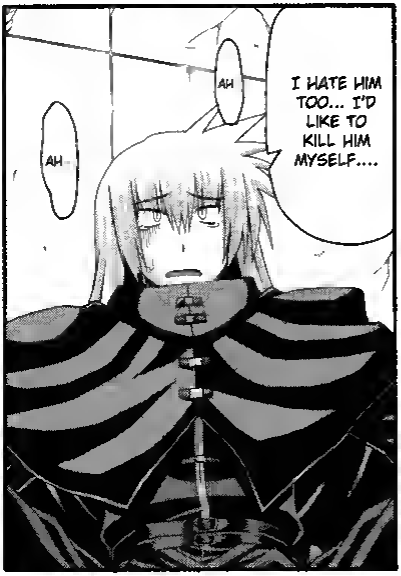
DON'T INTERFERE, ASH.... THIS IS A CRIMSON'S JUDGMENT...
JUDGMENT? WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
IS IT SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN A PERSON'S LIFE?
"GRIT"
YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF FILTH HE IS, DON'T YOU?
Par-me...
Par-me...
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
YOU WERE SHAKING WITH RAGE JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO, WEREN'T YOU?!

Are you telling me that we should protect lives of the evilest of people?!
You are protecting the very person who just tried to kill you, you know?!
You way of thinking is too soft!
BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, YOU KNOW?
YOU'RE ... PROBABLY RIGHT... I SURE AM A SOFTIE

EVEN BAD GUYS MAY HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART ONE DAY...
THE CHILD OF AN EVIL PERSON WILL NOT NECESSARILY BECOME EVIL THEMSELVES..
EVEN HUMANS HAVE A CHANCE TO COME TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE.
SOMEDAY, I THINK WE ALL MIGHT FIND A WAY TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER....

SO PLEASE... DON'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY TO PICK THAT BUD....
.....
PLEASE..

I'LL ASK THE SAME OF YOU...


AH
AH
I HATE HIM TOO... I'D LIKE TO KILL HIM MYSELF....

OSSAN?

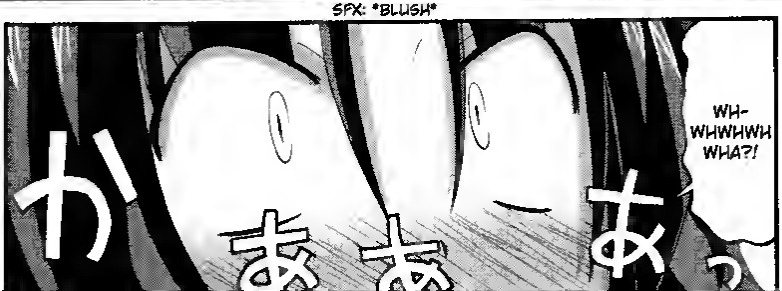
SO CAN'T YOU PUT YOUR FEELINGS ASIDE TOO?
BUT I WAS SAVED BY WHAT THIS LAD SAID....

YOU'VE BEEN TRAVELING WITH HIM,
SO DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND HOW HE FEELS?
.....
OSSAN...

"grip"
YOU HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO LISTEN TO MY REQUEST,
BUT PLEASE...
SFX: SLAM
"jump"
EEEEEK?!
GEEZ ... YOU'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF WEIRD THINGS BECAUSE OF THAT WAY OF THINKING.
"slide"
MIRIM..?
HMPH..... SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT BY 'POSSIBILITIES', ASH?
EE..
AH

swish
LISTEN UP. THIS TIME, I'LL LET YOU AND THE BISHOP GO.
BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES TO PASS JUDGEMENT---
glomp

SFX: *BLUSH*


WH-WHWHWH WHA?!
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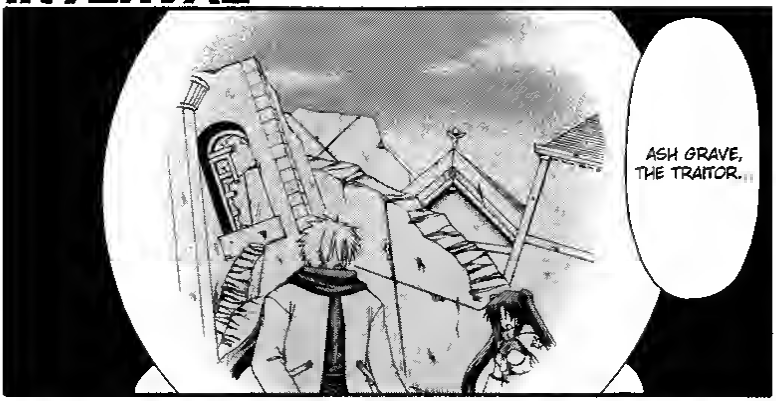
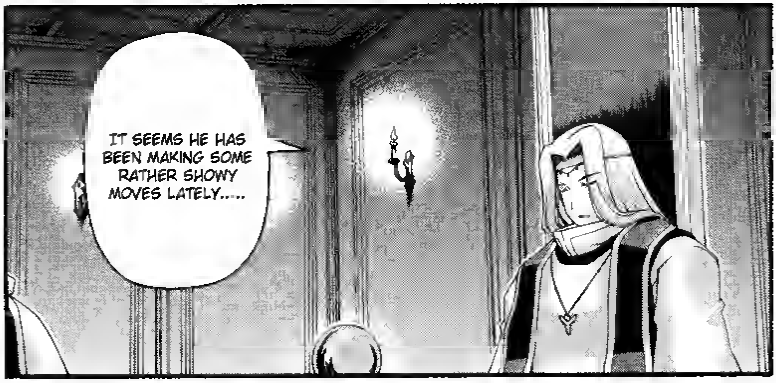
WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
THANK YOU.
YOU REALLY LIKE TO MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF EVERY-THING....
"blush"
.....
BY THE WAY, MIRIM,
WHWH... WHAT?

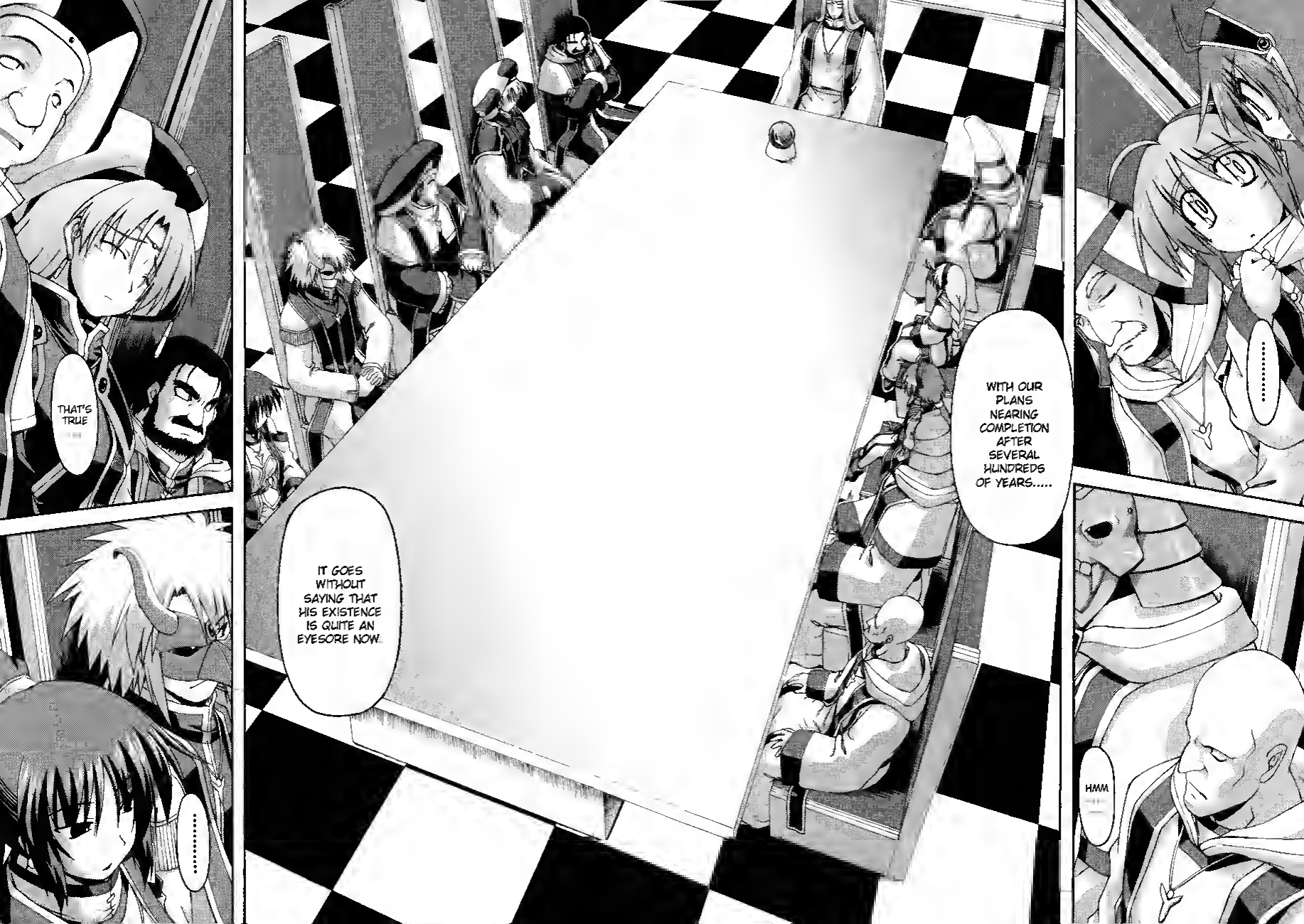
AH... AHH....
THAT LOOK OF YOURS REALLY IS QUITE A SERVICE....
SFX: *BLUSH*
WELL...
IDIOT! STOP LOOKING!!
Y-YEAH.
BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU'VE SEEN SUCH A NICE VIEW, EH, OSSAN?
I'll have to burn this image into my mind.

step
step
step
W-WAIT, MIRIM IT WAS JUST A JOKE! CALM DOWN, OK....?
SFX. *GLARE*
.....
.....
HUH?
*gla-
-re*
SFX. *BAM*
ドゴォォン
GAA AAA AH!!
NOW YOU'RE GOING TO DIE, YOU PERVERT!!!


ASH GRAVE, THE TRAITOR...

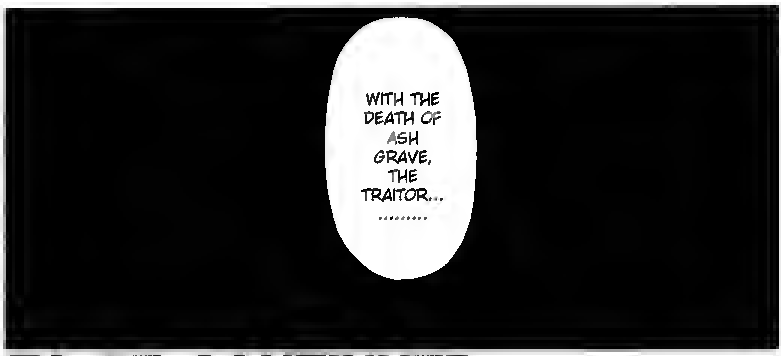

IT SEEMS HE HAS BEEN MAKING SOME RATHER SHOWY MOVES LATELY.....

BUT WE'VE LEFT HIM TO ROAM FREE.....
WE'VE BEEN LABELING HIM AS THE DEVIL AND A MURDERER TO STIR UP THE PEOPLE AND MAKE THEM UNEASY, WHICH IS GOOD,


THAT'S TRUE
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT HIS EXISTENCE IS QUITE AN EYESORE NOW.
WITH OUR PLANS NEARING COMPLETION AFTER SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF YEARS.....
HMM

AND THAT IS THE VERY REASON WE ASKED YOU TO COME HERE, SCIAS.....
.....
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ELIMINATE ASH GRAVE...
YOU ARE THE CLOSEST PERSON TO HIM.
.....
THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO CLEANSE THE REPUTATION THE TRAITOR HAS TARNISHED YOUR CLAN WITH.
WILL YOU ACCEPT?
grip
YES, OF COURSE...

NOW IS THE TIME THAT WE, THE DESCENDANTS OF THE GOD OF DEATH, SHALL CLEAR AWAY
THE HUMILIATION AND DISGRACE THAT HAS SOILED US FOR THE PAST HUNDREDS OF YEARS



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